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## States

**Human smuggling case:** The much-delayed trial of a New York man accused of driving and abandoning a tractor-trailer in the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt will begin Tuesday in Houston unless the Supreme Court intervenes, a judge has ruled.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday denied a request from Tyrone Williams' attorneys to rehear allegations of racial bias in the case.

Williams is accused of driving the tractor-trailer that was abandoned in May 2003 at a truck stop. Seventeen immigrants were found dead inside the sealed trailer; two more died later.

**Robert Blake trial:** Actor Robert Blake was disappointed he couldn't get Bonny Lee Bakley out of his life but never asked that she be harmed, according to a man who said he tried unsuccessfully at Blake's behest to have Bakley arrested.

"He was upset that I hadn't been able to do what he wanted," Luis Mendoza testified Friday at Blake's murder trial. "He said his grandfather told him if you delegate things to people and they don't do them, you might as well do it yourself."

**Andrea Yates conviction:** Prosecutors want an appeals court to reconsider its order for a new trial for Andrea Yates, who was convicted of drowning her children in the family bathtub.

In a motion filed Thursday, Harris County, Texas, prosecutors said a three-judge panel of the First Court of Appeals erred when it overturned Yates' capital murder convictions earlier this month.

The panel sided with Yates' lawyers, who contended false testimony from a prosecution expert witness contributed to her 2002 capital murder convictions for killing three of her children. She was sentenced to life in prison.

**Ray Charles' child support:** The mother of Ray Charles' 17-year-old son drastically reduced her request for child support Friday, apologizing to a Los Angeles judge for previously seeking at least \$60,000 a month.

Mary Anne den Bok had initially asked for \$3,000 a month for Corey Robinson den Bok, then demanded at least \$60,000 to pay for "the lifestyle he enjoyed" before his father's death June 10. On Friday, den Bok said she is now asking for \$12,000 to \$15,000.

The judge said he would rule at a hearing scheduled for Jan. 28.

**Los Alamos lab shutdown:** One of the nation's leading nuclear weapons laboratories is ready to resume normal operations after security and safety lapses last summer forced a shutdown of hazardous, high-risk operations at the lab.

Los Alamos National Laboratory Director Pete Nanos told employees Wednesday it should "look like a normal day" at the New Mexico lab by Jan. 31, with "productive work proceeding without impediment."

**'Morning-after' pill:** The government has delayed a decision about whether to allow women to buy the so-called "morning-after" birth control pill over the counter but hopes to act soon, the manufacturer said Friday.

Backers of the pill have been seeking the federal action, arguing that easy access to the product, sold under the trade name Plan B, would prevent thousands of unwanted pregnancies.

Opponents argue that being able to obtain the product without a prescription could lead women, particularly young teens, to experiment with risky sex.

**Cuban boy lawsuits:** A federal judge has set a Monday trial for the claims of a dozen people who said they were wrongly assaulted by federal officers during the raid that removed Ed Gonzalez from his family's home in Miami.

The plaintiffs say they were innocent bystanders who were gassed and beaten outside the home during the early-morning raid on April 22, 2000.

Elián was one of three survivors of a November 1999 shipwreck that killed his mother and others fleeing Cuba. He was turned over to his Miami relatives while his custody situation was resolved. The raid took place after government officials said the family refused to return the boy so he could be taken back to his father in Cuba.

## Business

**Fannie Mae's reporting woes:** Mortgage giant Fannie Mae is eliminating 2004 performance bonuses for 43 top executives, a move that will save the company millions of dollars, as it struggles to deal with major financial reporting problems.

The nation's biggest backer of home mortgages disclosed the move late Friday in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. It said its board of directors had voted this week to eliminate cash bonuses that would have been paid to top executives for hitting last year's performance goals.

## War on terrorism

**Gitmo prisoner abuse:** The Navy's inspector general will review newly public documents regarding the treatment of prisoners held overseas to see if there is any call for an investigation, the Pentagon said Friday.

Many of the documents were obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union and disclosed in December. Several are messages from FBI agents discussing what they described as improper treatment of suspected terrorists held at the U.S. military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz sought the review, which will be conducted by Vice Admiral Ronald Route.

U.S. Southern Command announced Jan. 5 it would investigate the allegations raised in those documents that pertain to Guantanamo.

## World

**Asian bird flu deaths:** Vietnam on Saturday reported two more bird flu deaths, bringing the human toll to nine in three weeks, as leaders of the World Health Organization planned to discuss preparations for a possible global flu pandemic.

The United States submitted a special request to WHO's executive board asking it to discuss bird flu at its current meeting in Geneva. It stressed the importance of strengthening outbreak surveillance, producing a vaccine and formulating an international plan to prepare for a possible pandemic.

**Egyptian nuclear activities:** U.N. nuclear inspectors toured an Egyptian laboratory during a review of the country's fuel programs prompted by irregularities in Egypt's reporting of its nuclear activities, a Western diplomat said Friday.

The diplomat said on the condition of anonymity that the tour by International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors was part of the agency's follow-up to revelations that Egypt had dabbled in uranium enrichment and had contemplated processing plutonium. Inspectors would be going back on regular tours in the coming weeks, he said.

**Big Brazilian baby:** A baby born this week in northeastern Brazil weighing nearly 17 pounds is "doing great," hospital officials said Friday.

Doctors at the Albert Sabin Maternity Hospital in Salvador, 900 miles northeast of Sao Paulo, said Ademilton was being closely monitored by medical staff.

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# Military begins to leave tsunami-stricken region

## U.S. ends mission in Thailand; Sri Lanka pullout begins

By JULIANA GITTLER

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UTAPAO, Thailand — U.S. forces officially ended their relief mission to Thailand on Saturday, moving the few remaining operations to the control of the Joint U.S. Military Assistance Group at the U.S. Embassy, said Martin L. Col. Robert Krieg, a member of the combined support force planning team.

Command and control forces will remain at the headquarters in Utapao for the remainder of the dwindling mission, he added. U.S. forces also began the process to close down in Sri Lanka, a progression that should wrap up this week, Krieg said.

The overall mission to South Asia is being turned over to the United Nations, which will continue to operate with local governments, participating militaries and aid agencies. "We're turning (operations) over to them much faster than we thought they'd be ready for," Krieg said.

Also Saturday, Maj. Gen. David A. Deputa, commander of the joint forces air component from Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, began a tour of the region to see the reconstruction and visit Air Force troops working there.

"We are seeing a rapid transition now in terms of the nations that originally requested aid and basically getting to the point where they can handle on their own the reconstruction efforts," Deputa said.

At a stop at Utapao, the general said he was pleased with the success of the mission, including the rapid deployment of C-130s to the region and the airlift of supplies

by other resources, including Air Force HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopters in Sri Lanka.

"It is a testament to the preparedness and readiness of the PACAF forces," Deputa said of Pacific Air Forces personnel.

Many operations took place on foreign landing strips in areas where U.S. troops haven't trained before, he said.

In Sri Lanka, U.S. forces moved 146,000 pounds of food, 124,000 pounds of supplies and 8,500 gallons



Deputa

of water, Krieg said. Pave Hawks helped to evacuate 442 people and Marine and Navy engineers cleared debris in several communities, using some of the debris to repair a sea wall.

At a women's college in Galle, Seabees and engineers demolished two damaged buildings and moved 250 cubic yards of rubble to clear space for future construction. The groups also cleared debris at several schools and a Sri Lankan army base, Krieg said.

"We've seen an immediate effect through our efforts," said Lt. Jorge Cuadros, the Air Detachment officer-in-charge of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 7, from Guam, in a written release. "Within two days of clearing the demolished schools, children were back to their classes learning."

Two Pave Hawk helicopters working out of the airport at Co-

lombo returned to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, last week. The final aircraft will follow in the coming days.

In Indonesia, the last area for U.S. relief efforts, military personnel continued airlifting supplies into remote areas, Krieg said.

Indonesian officials reopened the damaged road between the main airport at Medan and Banda Aceh, one of the hardest-hit areas on the island of Sumatra, relieving the airlift pressure on the city's small airport.

To further reduce traffic at the crowded Banda Aceh airport, U.S. aircraft began flying into an airfield on Sambang, an island just off the coast. Air officials also began considering using an airfield near the city of Meulaboh, south of Banda Aceh. The worst devastation occurred between the two cities, Krieg said.

U.S. forces continue to evaluate roads and bridges and will provide their assessments to the Indonesian government and the United Nations. If asked, the United States could provide assistance with the projects, Krieg said.

As the mission wraps up in Indonesia, military leaders will gradually pull out U.S. assets. The first to leave likely will be the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Group, which is nearly past its expected return date to home port. Delaying its return could cause problems with the carrier's future mission schedule, Krieg said.

"We're discussing plans right now about when we'll be done with the Lincoln," Krieg said.

The remaining sea assets will be the Sasebo, Japan-based ships USS Essex and USS Fort McHenry. Helicopters from several ships will be consolidated on the



BENJAMIN D. GLASS/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Lt. Cmdr. Robert Federal from the USS Abraham Lincoln stacks boxes of food Friday to be delivered to outlying towns around Banda Aceh on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. As military leaders begin to pull U.S. assets out of Indonesia, the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Group will likely be one of the first to leave.**

Essex and on LCACs (landing craft, air cushion) on the Fort McHenry.

The helicopters include: four Navy MH-53 minesweepers Sea Stallion helicopters; four H-60 Sea Hawk helicopters; and eight CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters from the Okinawa-based Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262.

The landing crafts and aircraft will be used to transport aid from offshore logistics ships to the devastated areas.

The Navy hospital ship USNS Mercy is en route to Indonesia and should arrive in about a week, Krieg said. It will help with medical care and preventative medicine.

"Sanitation is more of a major issue right now than food and water," Krieg said.

U.S. forces currently are moving about 115,000 pounds of relief supplies and 7,000 gallons of water a day into Indonesia, Krieg said.

Overall, the mission as of Satur-

day has moved 6.1 million pounds of relief supplies, not counting equipment, in support of the mission. Aircraft have evacuated 819 injured people, he said.

As the mission winds down, military leaders point out that it is more helpful if the local governments and United Nations can rebuild without reliance on outside assistance. The mission also is past the critical period when massive supply airlifts are most needed, they say.

Supplies are well positioned in the area; distribution — by local sources — is now key for the region. "I'm sure," said Col. Mark Schissler, commander of the Air Force forces forward and the expeditionary wing commander.

"The further from the crisis

you get, you want to be more deliberate about how you distribute," he said. "They need to be fed systematically. (And) you have to support local markets."

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# Orphanage visit puts human face on relief mission

By JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

PATTAYA, Thailand — Introductions were quick at the Pattaya Orphanage on Wednesday when 31 U.S. servicemembers working with the Operation Unified Assistance headquarters at Utapao spent several hours visiting orphan and disabled children.

Two dozen shopping bags filled with noodles, baby supplies and toys brought by visiting servicemembers were left at the entrance. From the rows of cribs inside, tiny infants took a position in the welcoming arms of the Americans.

On Thursday, a dozen other servicemembers built bookshelves and expanded a driveway at the nearby Baptist Camp and Mission at Jomtien.

"People want to do something to help with the tsunami relief," said Air Force Chaplain Capt. Dominic Vitaliano, who organized the orphanage visit. "We want to

give them something to get out of the base and give them another option to do something that's life-filling."

The community-relations projects provide respite from the daily grind and help foster good relations with local communities. Typical during deployments, they give servicemembers a chance to help others.

Many servicemembers in Utapao came to the region expecting to roll up their sleeves and get involved, clearing debris or helping to dig out remains. But the tsunami didn't affect the areas where they're working.

"When we first deployed, that's what I thought we'd be doing," said Staff Sgt. Crystal Burton, a chaplain's assistant from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, who visited the orphanage. "I wanted to be able to do a little good here. It's nice to be able to really feel like you're a part of helping."

The projects are designed to



give others in the rear a chance to participate.

"They may not be able to recognize just how important the job they're doing here is helping," said Navy Lt. Michael Peyton, chaplain for the 7th Communications Battalion from Okinawa, who organized the project at the Baptist mission. "If we bring them back and show them the big

**Tech. Sgt. Gus Coughman with 13th Air Force from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, holds an orphan living at the Pattaya Orphanage during a visit Thursday by U.S. servicemembers working at Utapao, Thailand.**

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picture, that kind of satisfies that frustration. It might help them feel a part of helping folks."

The trick, the chaplains say, is not eclipsing the overall relief.

"The whole thing we're doing here in the theater is a community-relations project," Peyton said. "We don't want to do anything with such high visibility that it takes away from the effect

of this mission."

Both chaplains quickly found places in need of help in and around Pattaya. Vitaliano learned of the orphanage from a local priest. He visited the director and asked what was needed, then sent out a list to volunteers. Participants brought their own supplies.

The projects are simple, but important to the hosts and participants.

"I wouldn't have passed this up," said Tech. Sgt. Gus Coughman, with the 13th Air Force from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. "Someone would be crazy. I think, to not go out and try to help."

So many volunteers came forward that some had to be turned away.

"It builds morale," Vitaliano said. "It gives everyone an opportunity to do something good and see the local area."

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# Iraq pledges to protect voters

BY MARIAM FAM  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government pledged Saturday it would do everything in its power to protect voters from insurgent attacks during this month's national elections, as militants announced they'd killed 15 captive Iraqi National Guardsmen for cooperating with the Americans.

Eight other Iraqi guardsmen and one Iraqi civilian were injured Saturday when a suicide bomber detonated an explosive belt near the gate of a military camp near Hillah, Iraqi office said.

Guerrillas in the northern city of Mosul blasted a building to be used as a polling station with machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire Saturday, injuring one civilian, a hospital official said.

In Baghdad, the interior minister announced further security measures for the Jan. 30 balloting, in which Iraqis will choose a new 275-member National Assembly and 18 provincial councils.

The minister, Falah al-Naqib, confirmed that Baghdad's international airport would be closed for three days starting on the eve of the balloting. The nighttime curfew in Baghdad and other cities will be extended and restrictions imposed on private vehicles to guard against car bombs, he added.

Al-Naqib told reporters all leaves and passes for police and military forces had been canceled for the election period and that further measures would be announced closer to voting day.

The minister did not play down the gravity of the security threat, nor the difficulties facing this country in organizing and conducting a nationwide election in the midst of a virulent insurgency.

"There are dangers and there are threats to throw the elections process into chaos, but we hope that our security plan will be up to the standards. We don't rule out an escalation from the terrorist forces," he said.

## No comment on al-Zargawi arrest rumors, official says

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's interior minister on Saturday refused to comment on rumors that the top terror leader in the country had been taken into custody.

"I wouldn't like to comment for the time being," Interior Minister Falah al-Naqib said when asked about rumors that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had been arrested. "Let's see. Maybe in the next few days we will make a comment about it."

Pressing him, a reporter asked, "Does that mean he is in custody?"

"No comment," the minister repeated.

The rumors about al-Zarqawi followed an interview aired on an Arab television station earlier this month in which a Saudi man arrested for a deadly truck bombing claimed that he heard from other insurgents that al-Zarqawi had been arrested by Iraqi police in Fallujah but released because authorities didn't recognize him.

Al-Zarqawi, the leader of Iraq's al-Qaida affiliate, has claimed responsibility for numerous kidnappings and the beheadings of several foreigners, including Americans. His group, al-Qaida in Iraq, also has carried out many other bombings and shooting attacks on American troops and Iraqis.



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# Fugitive may be link in 9/11, Madrid attacks

BY KATHERINE SHRADER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — International counterterrorism authorities are looking for a Moroccan fugitive who may have attended a pivotal meeting with the Sept. 11 plotters and is believed to have played a logistical role in the train bombings last year in Madrid, Spain.

The fugitive, Amer Azizi, appears to connect a group of terror operatives and may exemplify al-Qaida's decentralization — a trend about which U.S. intelligence officials have warned.

## Moroccan suspected of ties to planners of both

New information from federal authorities indicates Azizi may have provided lodging to people involved in the backpack bombings of the Spanish commuter trains, according to U.S. officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

One of the U.S. officials also said Azizi may have met with two Sept. 11 plotters — hijacker Mohamed Atta and coordinator Ramzi Binalshibh — in Spain in

July 2001. Investigators are trying to determine Azizi's involvement in the meeting.

A Spanish judge has indicted Azizi on charges related to the 2001 attacks, including his role in providing lodging to the conspirators. According to the Sept. 11 Commission's final report, Binalshibh said during interrogation that he and Atta met with no one else during roughly 10 days in the Tarragona region of Spain.

Counterterrorism authorities are looking at Azizi, who may use the alias Othman al Andulusi, as a possible link in the attacks, the U.S. official said.

The 2001 meeting is considered an important planning session. Atta and Binalshibh discussed the timing of the attacks, whether to target the White House or other American icons and whether to use box cutters as weapons.

While al-Qaida has taken responsibility for the strikes against the United States, U.S. government officials say the Madrid attack appears to have been carried out by a group that shares al-Qaida's mind-set.

The possibility of ties to Osama bin Laden's network illustrates why U.S. intelligence leaders have warned in recent months that al-Qaida may be transforming itself from a once-consolidated network largely based in Afghanistan to a loose coalition of extremists around the globe.

## Execution riles Austrian

VIENNA, Austria — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger should be stripped of citizenship in his native Austria for approving the execution of a convicted killer, a leading Austrian politician said Saturday.

Peter Pilz, top official from the environmentalist Green party, said Schwarzenegger broke the law in Austria — where capital punishment is illegal — and is no longer worthy of citizenship because he allowed the execution of convicted killer Donald Beardslee to go ahead last week.

"Schwarzenegger is possibly the most prominent Austrian abroad, and he shapes the picture of Austria," Pilz said. "I don't want that picture shaped by someone who commits state murder. That does not correspond to the political culture of this country."

## New helos for Singapore

SINGAPORE — Singapore has purchased six anti-submarine warfare helicopters from the United States, the city-state's Defense Ministry said Saturday.

The Sikorsky S-70B helicopters — an export version of the U.S. Navy's SH-60B Seahawk choppers — will be based aboard a small new frigates being built by a local company, Singapore Technologies Marine, with French technology, the ministry said.

## Bill targets missiles

TOKYO — Japan is drafting a bill that would let military commanders order their units to shoot down an incoming missile before obtaining clearance from higher authorities, Defense Agency officials said Friday.

Japan has been investigating ways to counter threats from North Korea since the communist country test-fired a missile over Japan that crashed into the Pacific in 1998.

Current law requires the defense chief to get permission from the prime minister before giving orders to fire at an incoming missile, a process that could take longer than the 10 to 12 minutes needed for North Korean missiles to reach Japan.

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# Snowstorm blankets Midwest, Northeast

BY JULIET WILLIAMS

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — A blustery snowstorm swept across the Midwest with windblown snow on Saturday, canceling hundreds of airline flights and slowing highway travel, and it threatened to bury parts of the Northeast under more than a foot of flakes.

Storm warnings were posted from Wisconsin to New England, where the National Weather Service posted a blizzard warning in effect through Sunday. By midday, snow was falling from parts of Wisconsin and Illinois into Virginia and parts of the New England states.

One man died after falling through ice on a pond in Ohio, where two others died of apparent heart attacks while removing snow, authorities said.

Up to 18 inches of snow was forecast in northern New Jersey and accumulations of up to 20 inches were possible in parts of New England, the weather service said. A foot was likely in northern Ohio and some areas of the Midwest, such as southwestern Ohio, already had several inches on the ground from earlier storms.

With up to 10 inches expected, Maryland school systems canceled Saturday activities, including SAT tests.

Highway departments needed fleets of plows and salt-spreading trucks, and some people rushed to stock up on supplies to ride out the storm at home.

"I got a couple steaks, a couple jugs of wine and a couple good books," Walter Trogdash said as he left a convenience store in



Workers attempt to upright a tractor-trailer that overturned on westbound I-70 Saturday near Fredrick, Md.

Toms River, N.J. "I think I'm all set."

But for travelers, the storm caused frustrating delays.

About 400 flights were canceled Saturday at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and dozens more were called off at the city's Midway Airport. More than 200 people stayed the night at the two airports because of flights canceled when the storm arrived there on Friday.

Flights that weren't canceled were delayed up to 90 minutes, with more delays and cancellations expected as the storm started creating problems at airports

on the East Coast, said Chicago Department of Aviation spokeswoman Annette Martinez.

Minnesota-based Northwest Airlines issued a weather waiver saying travelers booked on flights to 12 states in the Northeast and the District of Columbia could reschedule without having to pay penalties.

Northwest's home airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport had both of its main runways open Saturday after shutting them down one at a time Friday for plowing, said airport spokesman Patrick Hogan. Airlines canceled some 200 flights there Friday.

The storm spread a welcome layer of snow on snowmobile and crosscountry ski trails in the upper Midwest, but it also caused problems for outdoor enthusiasts.

"It's great for morale and gets a lot of people interested in skiing, but a snowfall like that over the weekend hurts our cash registers because people aren't getting in their cars and coming out here," general manager said John Shema, general manager of the Hidden Valley Resort in Vernon, N.J.

Up to a foot of snow had fallen in Wisconsin and Michigan, and wind gusted to more than 60 mph across Iowa.

## Flu vaccine shortage is now surplus

BY ROB STEIN

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The nation's flu vaccine shortage has turned into a surplus, with nearly 5 million doses languishing in the federal government's hastily purchased stockpiles, officials said Friday.

With demand dwindling, it appears likely that instead of running out of shots this year, the government will end up discarding unused vaccine, they said.

In response to the surprising turnaround, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta is poised to drop the remaining restrictions on who should get the shots, a move already taken by at least 17 states, in a last-ditch effort to minimize the amount of wasted vaccine. New York took that step Friday.

In addition, federal and state officials have launched a campaign to convince more people to get vaccinated, especially those at highest risk from the flu, before the peak of the season hits, probably within in the next month or two.

"We're trying to get that message out the disease hasn't peaked and there's still time," said Jeanne Santoli of the CDC's National Immunization Program. "It's not too late to protect yourself."

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# Roe v. Wade debate lively after 32 years

**BY DAVID CRARY**  
*The Associated Press*

NEW YORK — Coming just two days after President Bush's inauguration, Saturday's anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion is dominated by the hopes of one side — and fears of the other — that the president will try to overturn *Roe v. Wade* through appointments to fill expected high court vacancies.

Anti-abortion activists were among the legions of Bush supporters converging on Washington in the past few days, and most will remain for Monday's annual March for Life. Though Bush is widely admired within the movement, some of its militants still question his commitment to reversing the 32-year-old decision.

"President Bush has an ethical obligation to protect the unborn, and he has a political debt of honor to those who put him in office," said Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue. "His staff must thoroughly investigate any possible appointee, and if they are not unalterably committed to overturning *Roe v. Wade*, they must be dismissed from consideration."

Anti-abortion lawmakers in Congress and several states, meanwhile, are introducing the latest in a wave of measures aimed at making it more daunting to obtain an abortion. The bills would require abortion providers to tell

women 20 weeks or more pregnant that an abortion could cause pain to their fetus, and to offer anesthesia administered directly to the fetus.

Abortion-rights supporters, simultaneously apprehensive and determined, are engaging in postelection reassessments, some of them wondering openly if their rhetoric and strategies should be modified to better compete for public support.

Frances Kissling, president of Catholics for a Free Choice, is suggesting there is little to be gained — in the court of public opinion — by opposing the notion that a fetus represents some form of human life. She proposes “a new pro-choice discourse” that would acknowledge both women’s rights and respect for fetal life.

"Abortion is a serious matter; it is a woman's right and no woman needs to apologize for making this decision," Kissling wrote recently. "On the other hand, no woman needs to brag about her choice, and the decision of one pro-choice organization to sell T-shirts announcing 'I had an abortion' was in poor taste."

She says the legislation provides abortion-rights supporters with a chance to show they do value fetal life. She objects to the federal bill, saying it requires doctors to follow a script that is insensitive to women, but she supports the concept of offering fetal anesthesia in appropriate circumstances.

"Abortion should be a humane and compas-



From left, Sharon Turner of Germantown, Md., and Alveda King of Atlanta, a niece of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., take part in an anti-abortion demonstration Friday outside the Supreme Court in Washington.

sionate procedure," she wrote in the latest edition of her organization's journal.

Dave Andrusko of the National Right to Life Committee accused Kissling of "Alice in Wonderland" reasoning. You can't concede that a fetus is human, and then say it's allowable to destroy it, he argues.

## 'Roe' asks court to reverse ruling

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The woman once known as "Jane Roe" has asked the Supreme Court to overturn its landmark Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion 32 years ago.

Norma McCorvey, whose protest of Texas' abortion ban led to the 1973 ruling, contends in a petition received at the court Tuesday that the case should be heard again in light of evidence that the procedure may harm women.

"Now we know so much more, and I plead with the court to listen for witnesses and re-evaluate Roe v. Wade," said McCorvey, who says she now regrets her role in the case.

Two lower courts last year threw out McCorvey's request to have the ruling reconsidered.

## Bush names old colleague ambassador to Japan

WASHINGTON — President Bush is naming a former fellow investor in the Texas Rangers baseball team, J. Thomas Schieffer, to be the U.S. ambassador to Japan, the White House announced Friday.

Schieffer, the U.S. ambassador to Australia and brother of Bob Schieffer of CBS News, was a member of the investment group that bought the Rangers in 1989 and was president of the baseball team while Bush was a part owner. He also was a Dallas attorney with a portfolio centering on oil and gas companies and, a Democrat, served three terms in the Texas House.

Former Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker, a Tennessee Republican, announced in December he was leaving the post in February.

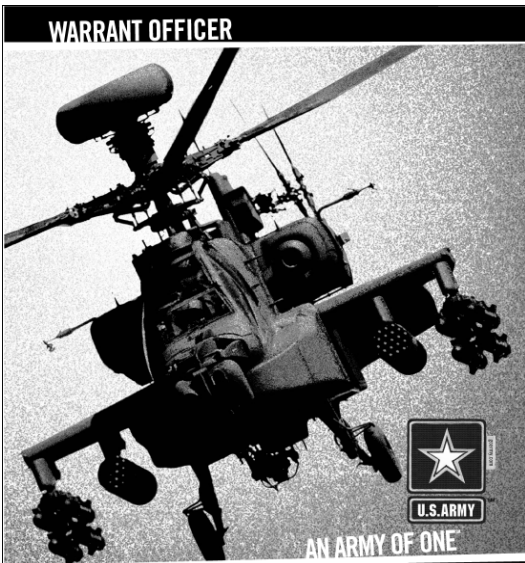
## Judge orders Cuba to pay pilot \$1.75 million

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A federal judge ordered Cuba on Friday to pay \$1.75 million to a Miami pilot who survived a midair attack by Cuban MiGs over the Florida Straits in 1996.

The pilot, Jose Basulto, evaded the jets and was able to fly home, but was traumatized by the knowledge that two other planes operated by the group Brothers to the Rescue had been downed, killing the four people aboard, said U.S. District Judge Kenneth A. Marra.

It was unclear when Basulto would be able to collect the money from the Cuban government, which sent no one to court to defend against the lawsuit.

From The Associated Press



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# Federal agents: Tip about 'dirty bomb' likely a hoax

BY KNUT ROYCE

Newsday (LATWP)

WASHINGTON — Federal agents believe that the tip Monday that prompted a hunt for 13 Chinese nationals who allegedly planned to explode a nuclear device in Boston is a hoax, law enforcement and counterterrorism sources said Friday.

They said it appears the tipster — who refused to identify himself to the FBI or the California Highway Patrol, which got the call Monday night — may have acted out of vengeance because the Chi-

nese, who they believe were smuggled across the border from Mexico, reneged on payment.

"It's obviously a human smuggling operation," said a Homeland Security source. "That's what it looks like. They got flights out of China. They came to Mexico and then they were brought up [to the border] and apparently were smuggled over. Then somebody gave them up."

A counterterrorism official who was briefed by the FBI Friday said, "The prevailing theory is that it's revenge. Somebody didn't get paid off."

Security was beefed up in Boston by adding patrols at the airport, activating radiation detectors and posting pictures of four of the suspects in subways and underground garages.

A senior federal law enforcement official in Boston said the counterterrorism task force there gets "a couple dozen of these leads a week ... This one developed a life of its own because it hit the evening news just before the inauguration and there was the buzzword, nuclear." An FBI official said none of the 13 Chinese had been picked up.

## Octuplets' mom becomes U.S. citizen

HOUSTON — The only woman known to have delivered eight living babies from one pregnancy is now a U.S. citizen.

Nkem Chukwu and more than 2,500 other Houston area residents became American citizens during

a naturalization ceremony this week.

Chukwu, a native of Nigeria, gained worldwide attention after giving birth to eight babies in December 1998. The smallest baby died after one week, but the other five girls and two boys have grown up without complications and are now 6 years old.

From The Associated Press



People gather for a candlelight memorial service at the Wal-Mart in Tyler, Texas, where Megan Leann Holden was abducted Wednesday.

## Body of abducted clerk found on Texas roadside

BY JAMIE STENGLE

The Associated Press

TYLER, Texas — The surveillance camera captured the crime in chilling detail: A college student punched out after her night shift as a clerk at a Texas

million bond on an aggravated kidnapping charge from Texas, authorities said, adding that Williams was driving the woman's pickup truck, which was parked outside the hospital.

Police said the apparent abductor — a man in a long, dark coat — was seen loitering around the front entrance of the store "for a good period of time," Tyler police spokesman Don Martin said.

The tape later shows Holden getting into her truck just before midnight and the man "running up behind her and either hitting her or pushing her," Martin said.

Police said Williams, a preacher's son who was discharged last year after four years as a Marine, was arrested last month in Tyler on a cocaine possession charge. He was released the same day on \$2,000 bond.

"Something happened to my son," the suspect's mother, Pat Williams, told Dallas television station KDFW, saying he had trouble adjusting to civilian life after serving in Iraq. "Some of the things that he endured I may never know. But it changed who he is and for that I'm sorry."

As word spread of the Tyler Junior College student's death, about 100 people sang "Amazing Grace" and prayed during a candlelight vigil held outside the store.



Holden

Wal-Mart and walks toward her truck in the parking lot. Suddenly she is attacked by a shadowy figure in a long, dark coat and kidnapped.

On Friday, 19-year-old Megan Leann Holden was found shot to death in a ditch near Stanton in West Texas, about 380 miles west of Tyler, where she had been abducted. Evidence at the scene indicated she was shot and killed where her body was dumped, and an investigator said she was partially clothed.

Police said she was killed at the hands of a man who went on a multistate crime spree before he turned up Friday at an Arizona hospital with a gunshot wound.

The suspect, Johnny Lee Williams, 24, was being held on a \$1

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# Hilton allegedly steals own sex tape

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Hotel heiress and television personality Paris Hilton could face hefty theft charges in connection with the alleged theft of a DVD from a West Hollywood newsstand, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's detectives are investigating a Dec. 15 incident in which Hilton visited the Swing News newsstand on Sunset Boulevard and allegedly spotted a sex tape DVD that featured her and a former boyfriend, Hilton, who has said she never wanted the tape to become public, allegedly became enraged and grabbed the DVD, authorities said.

"According to the manager, she grabbed the DVD and told him

she wasn't paying," said Sheriff's Detective Vivian May. "When the manager pointed out that the stand also carried a framed poster featuring the cover of the DVD, Ms. Hilton shouted to two men parked in a vehicle in front of the business. The men got out of the vehicle and walked over to the poster and pulled it from the frame."

Portions of the exchange were captured on a surveillance video. Images from those tapes recently were posted on the Web site for the television show "Celebrity Justice."

The Sheriff's Department said it referred the case to prosecutors Thursday, but a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County district attorney's office said officials have yet to be presented evidence in the matter.

# Cosby readies to fight charges

Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Entertainer Bill Cosby has hired an attorney to defend him against allegations that he drugged and then groped a woman last year at his Philadelphia-area home.

Lawyer Walter M. Phillips Jr. said Friday that Cosby would vigorously defend himself against the charge, which allegedly arose from an incident in January 2003.

"I can say that I've been retained by Mr. Cosby," said Phillips, a Philadelphia criminal defense lawyer.

A law enforcement source said Friday night that the woman claims Cosby drugged her, touched her breasts and put her

hand on his genitals. When she awoke, her bra was undone, the source said.

Last week, the woman contacted Durham Regional Police in Ontario, Canada.

They forwarded the complaint to Philadelphia police, who sent it to Cheltenham Township officers earlier this week, the source said.

The woman, a former athletic department employee of Temple Uni-



Cosby

versity now living in Canada, is expected to be interviewed by Cheltenham Township investigators in the near future, the source said.

Phillips said the allegations of "inappropriate touching" were "truly bizarre." He noted that they came a year after the incident allegedly occurred. "I would say they're false and preposterous."

Cosby hasn't spoken to police about the complaint, Phillips said.

David Brokaw, a spokesman for Cosby in Los Angeles, said Cosby had canceled appearances Friday night in Cleveland and Sunday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for "personal reasons." No other appearances had been canceled, he said.

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## YOUR MONEY

# Scams target Hispanics

## Trade group cracking down on phony credit cards

By SANDRA HERNANDEZ

South Florida Sun-Sentinel

WESTON, Fla. — Elian Degen considered himself a prudent man, indulging in few luxuries since arriving in Florida two years ago.

But when Degen saw a Spanish-language television ad promising a Pro-Line credit card to viewers without previous credit histories or Social Security numbers, the 52-year-old Venezuelan paid close attention.

He dialed the telephone number on the screen and applied. But within minutes of hanging up the phone Degen felt uneasy. He called back to cancel and his problem began: telephone callers threatened him with prosecution unless he sent them the \$299 processing fee. Like thousands of Hispanics across the United States, Degen found himself caught in a scam. Until recently, many of these frauds went unreported and undetected by the Federal Trade Commission despite boldly placed ads on Spanish-language television networks and radio stations.

But the Federal Trade Commission is cracking down on the growing number of scammers targeting Latinos, which range from advance fee cards to ineffective weight-loss programs. Last year, the FTC filed cases against 19 companies, with at least five filed in Florida and California, including the Miami-based Pro-line company that nearly duped Degen, according to officials.

"This is really a recognition that we had to do something because Hispanics make up a sizeable share of consumers and they are being targeted," said Laura Koss, the coordinator for the FTC's Hispanic initiative. "This is a recognition that Hispanics' buying power is growing and [of] the growth of the advertising market put into the Hispanic market."

In addition to filing federal court complaints, the agency recently began running Spanish-language public service announcements, as well as working with community groups to warn consumers against such scams.

The agency also has started monitoring Spanish broadcasts and filing complaints with the national database used by law enforcement, said Koss.

Such scams are not new and also exist in English, but officials insist that targeting Hispanics in Spanish often show more hubris.

"Most of the English-language scams may advertise late at night on some small local cable station, but the calls we get indicate these Pro-Line ads and others are being run on major stations and networks," said Brodie White, of the Better Business Bureau's West Palm Beach County office. "I started to see an increase [in complaints] and realized these were old-school scams that were being directed at a new market."

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel was unable to reach the Spanish-language networks Telemundo or Univision for a comment.

White's office, which oversees complaints from Vero Beach, Fla., to Puerto Rico, logged 168 complaints and more than 1,000 inquiries against Pro-Line Card and its affiliates, La Familia Group, and Call Center Express. Officials said the affiliates ran the same advance-fee credit card scam. Degen eventually reported the company to the Better Business Bureau and the calls stopped.

In the case filed in September against Pro-Line and six individuals in federal court in Miami, the FTC alleged the company engaged in deceptive trade practices. Consumers were promised "unsecured" credit cards with credit limits ranging from \$2,000 to \$7,500 if they called a toll-free number.

Callers were then told they were approved and instructed to send money orders ranging from \$149 to \$399. A few days later, some people received a plastic card that resembled a credit card but allowed them only to make purchases out of a catalogue, according to court papers.

In addition, consumers were unable to get refunds. An FTC survey released last year found Hispanics were nearly twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be victims of fraud. While 6 percent of the victims had been defrauded, 12 percent of the Hispanics had been bilked. While the study offered no explanation, some experts suggest immigration status and language may spur on artists to focus on Latinos.

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A. Microsoft's engine built a whiteboard feature to permit drawn annotations into a running PowerPoint presentation, and then they tried to cover up its existence.

Fire up one of your presentations while it is running, tap the W key, which will present a tablet of white screen. Now, right-click on the screen and you'll get a menu that lets you select a type of drawing instrument and connect an input tablet to serve in place of a conventional mouse.

These USB tablets allow a user to draw, write in cursive and paint on screen. Of course, all this drawing and writing appears on your project slide if you're using the whiteboard in PowerPoint.

You can get more details here: [www.microsoft.com/visuals/Whiteboard.php](http://www.microsoft.com/visuals/Whiteboard.php).  
Q. A friend's apartment recently was broken into, and his laptop was stolen. I realized how much I have stored on an attractive piece of electronic equipment.

If someone walked away with my laptop, they would have everything. How can I protect my information stored on my laptop?

—Tom Connolly @cbsglobal.net  
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A. Watch out, because this whole area of data encryption can be like treading on thin ice with polar bear. Computer technology lets us reduce our data into encrypted blobs so powerful that even banks of supercomputers running around the clock can't crack them. Finger food for the polar bears.

Far too many people share your concern: have used hard-drive encryption schemes only to forget or jumble their passwords and wind up getting locked out of their own data. Many found their computer's security in the process because it needed a password to start up. Beyond human memory issues, trusting anything as unstable as a Windows-based computer with software that can encrypt data beyond the Pentagon's reach is ill-advised.

Most agree that the best solution is to use some kind of software that creates a special and heavily encrypted folder that holds the sensitive stuff but doesn't cloak the entire machine. Among the best of these programs is the \$90 BestCrypt program from Jetico Inc. With the software running, your computer's operating system and anything you care to keep public remains accessible, while the secret stuff is locked with leading-edge encryption.

Many of us can get by using simpler techniques. Consider getting software like WinZip that includes near-Pentagon-proof encryption, as well as the ability to compress files to save drive space. Try a trial download at WinZip.com.

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## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

## INDEXES

SP-500	Low	High	Name	Last	Net	%	YTD	SP-500	SP-500
10,858.07	10,790.40	10,910.00	Dow Jones Industrial	10,858.07	-18.46	-0.17	-0.17	10,858.07	10,858.07
3,623.96	2,743.46	4,000.00	Dow Jones Transportation	3,623.96	-42.25	-1.16	-1.16	3,623.96	3,623.96
1,377.79	259.08	1,400.00	Dow Jones Utilities	1,377.79	-17.46	-1.27	-1.27	1,377.79	1,377.79
7,731.18	6,211.33	8,000.00	NASDAQ Composite	7,731.18	-11.91	-0.15	-0.15	7,731.18	7,731.18
1,581.14	1,538.74	1,600.00	NYSE Composite	1,581.14	-48.82	-3.09	-3.09	1,581.14	1,581.14
2,591.00	1,720.82	3,000.00	Nasdaq Composite	2,591.00	-23.27	-0.91	-0.91	2,591.00	2,591.00
1,217.96	1,156.72	1,250.00	S&P 500	1,217.96	-7.54	-0.62	-0.62	1,217.96	1,217.96
666.09	540.29	700.00	MidCap	666.09	-31.74	-4.76	-4.76	666.09	666.09
656.11	595.97	700.00	Russell 2000	656.11	-12.26	-1.87	-1.87	656.11	656.11
12,043.36	10,265.52	14,000.00	D. Wilshire 2000	12,043.36	-67.19	-0.56	-0.56	12,043.36	12,043.36

NYSE	AMEX	NASDAQ
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Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)	Most Active (\$1 or more)
Apple (AAPL)	Microsoft (MSFT)	Microsoft (MSFT)
Amazon (AMZN)	Google (GOOG)	Google (GOOG)
Pfizer (PFE)	Sanofi-Sintabo (SANT)	Sanofi-Sintabo (SANT)
Merck (MRK)	Merck (MRK)	Merck (MRK)
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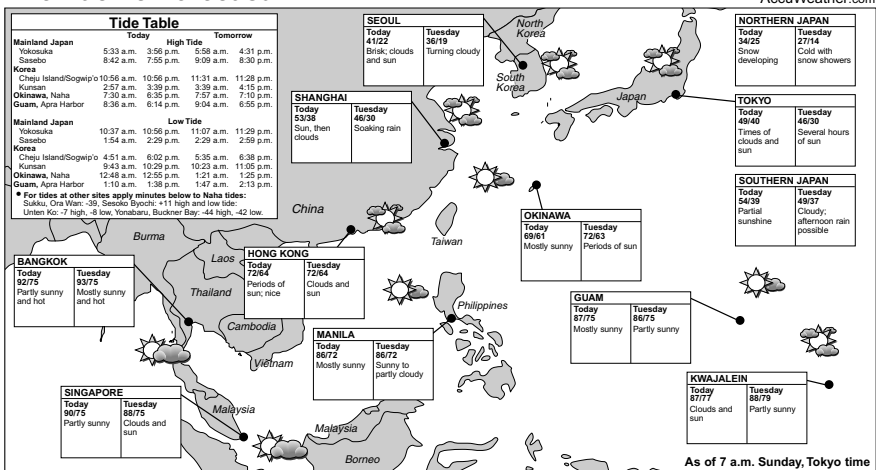
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6	AFN-P	HSPNews	AFN Evening News	60 Minutes (CC)	Without a Trace: Moving On! The team searches for a doctor who disappeared after going jogging. (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman (CC)	
7	AFN-ATL	6:45 Oprah Winfrey (CC)	6:45 Guiding Light (CC)	6:17 General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)	Today (CC)	Fox and Friends	Aladdin 'Wee of Fear' (CC)	ChazZone (E)	
8	NEWS	Bulls and Bears	Carveto on Busi (CC)	Fox and Friends First	Dateline NBC (CC)	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	Fox and Friends	American Morning	American Morning	
9	SPTS	45:00 College Basketball North Carolina State at Maryland. (Taped)	College GameNight	The Dead Zone "Collision" Panic at the Disco's Johnny from using his powers. (CC)	Law & Order "Star Crossed" Detectives search for a murdered lawyer who was killed last customer. (CC)	American Red Hot "32 H-Bay Road-ster 2" The crew makes radical moves to bring the hot rod on.	Friends Chandler and Monica run into Richard. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and Elaine are poked into. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and Elaine are poked into. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
10	SPTS	The Simpsons A neighbor reveals an unfairly deadly.	Everybody Loves Raymond Ray's a drama queen.	The Simpsons "The Secret" (2001) Robert De Niro. (CC)	Law & Order "Star Crossed" Detectives search for a murdered lawyer who was killed last customer. (CC)	American Red Hot "32 H-Bay Road-ster 2" The crew makes radical moves to bring the hot rod on.	Friends Chandler and Monica run into Richard. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and Elaine are poked into. (CC)	Seinfeld Jerry and Elaine are poked into. (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	Blind Date (CC)	
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24	PBS	Dragon Tales An dragon takes an steals voices. (E)	Zoom (E) (CC)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Roadshow "St Paul St Paul Minn. Babe Ruth watch; autographed Norman photos. (N)	American Express "Citizen King" The life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. from 1963-1968. (CC) (DVS)	American Express "Citizen King" The life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. from 1963-1968. (CC) (DVS)	American Express "Citizen King" The life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. from 1963-1968. (CC) (DVS)	American Express "Citizen King" The life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. from 1963-1968. (CC) (DVS)	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	
25	SHOW	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)	4:00 "The Showbiz Showdown" (1984, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (E)
26	A&E	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.	Jackpot! Las Vegas is murdered after confessing to "hug" slot machines.
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29	TFC	Game Ka Na Be?	Star Circle Guest	Tanging Ni	6:51 Insider	The Correspondents	Kumikiting Kabuhayan	Morning Star	4:40 Mins. Ang Sanya Sanya			
30	CNN+	CNN Presents: Classroom Edition	CNN Daybreak									
31	GOLF	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.	6:40 PGA South African Airways Open - Final Round.
32	TLC	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)	Plastic Surgery Beverly Hills "Daddy's Little Girl" Dr. Handel is marrying someone 30 years his junior. (N)
34	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Justice League	Cartoon Cartoon	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes	Looney Tunes
35	ANPL	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)	Pet Star Dancing dachshund; rats that go to fish. (N)
36	COM	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)	Reno 911! The planets go under-cover. (CC)
40	NGC-A	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild	Planet Wild
42	FOX	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)	WWF Raw Scheduled: results from New Year's Revolution. (CC)
43	SPOKE	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
44	BET	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)	4:30 "The Five Heartbeats" (1991, R) Denzel Washington. (CC)
46	COURT	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)	NYPD Blue "Russellman" A couple's murder-suicide points toward ex-husband. (CC)
48	STR-WLD	The Simpsons	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Star News Focus	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
50	LIFE	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)	Down Anna (2005, Documentary) Debra Winger, Alex Van, Sam Howard. Premier. A woman must murder her husband's death at Columbine. (CC)
51	ABCAM	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)	6:00 "The What She Said" (2002, Comedy) Piper Perabo, Jane McGowan. Test drive. (CC)
53	HIST	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)	10 Days to D-Day The success or failure of the invasion rests on the efforts of ordinary people. (CC)
57	STR-MV	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)	6:45 "The Assassination File" (1996, Suspense) Sherilyn Fenn, Tom Verica, Paul Winfield. A former special agent uncovers a political conspiracy. (CC)
58	ADV 1	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"	6:30 Into the Danger Zone "Extremes"
59	MTV	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge	Real World - Road Rules Challenge
60	NICK	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)	Hey Arnold! 8:11 (Cartoon) Lanza prepares to die. (CC)

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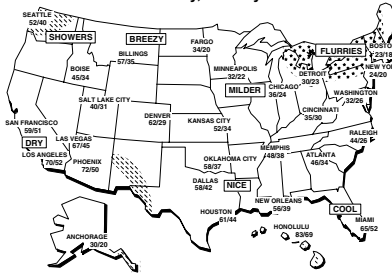
## Extended Forecasts

<b>TOKYO</b> Wednesday: Snow flurries, high 41, low 33. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 48, low 39.	<b>KADENA</b> Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 69, low 56. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 68, low 61.	<b>SEOUL</b> Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 34, low 17. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 31, low 10.	<b>MANILA</b> Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 86, low 73. Thursday: Periods of clouds and sun, high 86, low 73.	<b>KWALEIN</b> Wednesday: Partly sunny, high 87, low 75. Thursday: Partly sunny, high 86, low 75.
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## Saturday's USA Temperature

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	55/34	Los Angeles	70/52
Amarillo	41/18	Little Rock	53/13
Anchorage	35/27	Louisville	39/17
Asheville	39/19	Miami	78/60
Baltimore	28/24	Milwaukee	21/6
Birmingham	63/26	Nashville	55/14
Bismarck	11/6	New York	27/16
Boise	44/31	Omaha	17/5
Boston	18/12	Orlando	76/47
Brownsville	80/47	Philadelphia	26/20
Buffalo	5/2	Phoenix	73/55
Burlington	2/1	Pittsburgh	28/12
Charleston, SC	65/26	Portland, OR	58/44
Charlotte	36/22	Portland, ME	13/8
Cleveland	20/11	Salt Lake City	40/29
Columbus, OH	29/13	St. Louis	31/13
Duluth	18/1	San Antonio	74/31
El Paso	59/34	San Diego	66/54
Hartford	17/11	San Juan	82/70
Helena	41/24	Tampa	71/48
Indianapolis	31/18	Tulsa	37/11
Jacksonville	75/40	Washington	27/22
Kansas City	19/7	Wichita	35/10

## Monday, January 24



## U.S. Extended Forecast

Weather in the Northeast and mid-Atlantic will be much more calm to start the workweek. A weak Alberta Clipper may drop a few snow showers, but no significant snowfall is expected through Wednesday. Unseasonably mild air will take hold from Texas all the way up the Great Plains to the Canadian border. The reason for this warmth is a large dome of high pressure dominating the western half of the country. The dome will slide east by midweek, allowing for some precipitation that has been riding over the ridge into the Pacific Northwest to slide down into northern California on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Northwest coast will continue to be quite wet, with a chance for rain through Wednesday.

## Monday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/75	Iwakuni	52/41
Beijing	36/17	Kadena AB	69/61
Camp Casey	36/17	Kusan AB	43/28
Christchurch	72/52	Kwajalein	87/77
Diego Garcia	88/78	Manila	86/72
Hagatña	87/75	Masawa AB	38/25
Hanoi	76/69	Okinawa	41/21
Hong Kong	72/64	Perth	91/70
Honolulu	83/69	Pusan	49/36
		Tokyo	

## Monday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	88/71	Budapest	25/12	Kabul	34/14	Nairobi	85/55
Athens	50/44	Buenos Aires	89/63	Kiev	18/9	New Delhi	60/29
Auckland	72/59	Cairo	65/46	Kuwait	64/42	Oslo	24/13
Baghdad	60/35	Cancun	79/55	London	38/28	Paris	30/20
Barbados	86/70	Cape Town	76/58	Madrid	47/28	Rio de Janeiro	80/68
Barcelona	45/25	Geneva	23/15	Mexico City	64/43	Rome	44/26
Berlin	24/15	Istanbul	36/35	Montreal	15/5	St. Petersburg	18/9
Bermuda	55/44	Jerusalem	53/40	Mogadishu	93/76	Stockholm	22/14
Brussels	32/21	Johannesburg	84/58	Moscow	19/6	Warsaw	24/11



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## OPINION

## Bush's 'fire' is ignited, but it could burn us

Many say that George W. Bush is the political heir to Ronald Reagan. But as his inaugural speech Thursday showed, Bush owes more to a distant presidential predecessor, John F. Kennedy.

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Reagan, in his 1965 re-inaugural, rambled through a historical anecdote about a "Boston lawyer named Adams and a Virginia planter named Jefferson" before he plunged into his main focus: economics.

The Gipper rightly took credit for "25 straight months of economic growth."

pledged more pro-growth tax-cutting: "We must simplify our tax system, make it more fair, and bring the rates down for all who work and earn." It was not until the 30th paragraph of a 42-paragraph speech that Reagan turned his attention to foreign policy.

By contrast, Bush never mentioned taxes, nor did he touch upon many topics in his domestic agenda. His immediate focus was foreign policy, and he got right to the point — and to the punch. Referring to the years between the fall of communism and Sept. 11 as "years of repose, years of sabbatical," he was taking a poke at the two presidents of the 90s, in effect accusing Bill Clinton and his own father, George H.W. Bush, of being on vacation as dire threats loomed.

But, of course, Bush sees himself as more

than just a mere counterterrorist. We are led to "one conclusion," he declared: "The survival of liberty in our land increasingly depends on the success of liberty in other lands. The best hope for peace in our world is the expansion of freedom in all the world." The Gipper, on the other hand, had ventured only a few rhetorical flourishes. So the truest rhetorical antecedent for the 43rd president is, in fact, the 35th president.

In his 1961 inaugural, Kennedy declared right into foreign policy, mixing global politics, military force and religion into a potent rhetorical brew: "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe — the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God." Then came JFK's famous open-ended commitment to freedom around the world: "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." His speech was devoid of any domestic political content whatsoever. And so the course of his presidency was set: In his brief term Kennedy confronted the Soviets in Europe, Fidel Castro in Cuba and, most poignantly, the Viet Cong in South Vietnam.

Today, communism has mostly disappeared, but Bush has identified a new foe: "tyranny." The "I" word came up six times Thursday. "We will persistently clarify the choice between every ruler and every nation," he vowed, adding that "leaders of governments with long habits of corruption" should know that U.S. policy will be, at least imper-



ity, in favor of regime change.

But even more than Kennedy, Bush sees his freedom crusade as being powered by faith. He cited "the truths of Sinai, the Sermon on the Mount, the words of the Koran." Polls show that confidence in the Iraq war is slipping, but Bush has the bully pulpit, as well as the muscle to push events in a direction "set by liberty and the Author of Liberty."

In particular, Bush asked young people to "make the choice to serve in a cause larger

than your wants, larger than yourself." Quote-masters, of course, will compare this summons to JFK's ringing "ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." This much is clear: Like Kennedy before him, Bush aims to set American might in motion around the world. "By our efforts," he proclaimed, "we have lit a fire... a fire in the minds of men." Those fires will surely burn — although perhaps in ways we can't yet imagine.

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## Critics cut corners when chiding environmentalists

BY TONY JUNIPER

The devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean shocked the world. No one could fail to be moved by the horrific pictures of hundreds of thousands of people who died, and the scale of the tragedy unfolded.

But, in the days that followed, another story started to emerge. Unscrupulous environmentalists, it seemed, were outrageously exploiting the tragedy by claiming it was caused by climate change. A provocative story, save one major flaw: It wasn't true.

Shortly before Christmas, and therefore before the tsunami struck, Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland and Greenpeace UK were asked by a British newspaper, the Independent, to comment on a re-insurance company's findings that there had been a dramatic increase in insurance claims in the region resulting from hurricanes, floods, droughts and other weather events linked to global warming.

Stephen Tindale, executive director of Greenpeace UK, commented, "No one can ignore the relentless increase in extreme weather events and so-called natural disasters, which in reality are no more natural than a plastic Christmas tree."

My remarks included, "Here again we are yet more events in the real world that are consistent with climate change predictions."

Our comments appeared a few days later (shortly after the tsunami struck), but to anyone who read the article, it should have been clear that neither organization linked climate change to the disaster.

But The Wall Street Journal saw things differently. Using our quotes out of context, its Dec. 28 editorial thundered, "In the world of environmental zealotry, even an event such as this is seen as an opportunity to press the agenda. Thus, the source of the South Asian tsunami is being located in global warming."

Conservative commentators were quick to

join in and vent their righteous indignation. The facts don't always get in the way of a good story, and here was an opportunity to go on their high horses, lay into environmentalists and pour scorn on concerns about global warming. Presumably not having read the original article, and certainly not bothering to contact us to check the facts, they swiftly began their attacks.

"Global Warming Claims Wrong in Wake of Tsunamis" shouted a Cato Institute press release, which was subsequently withdrawn. Steven Milloy, in a syndicated column (in Washington Times, Fox News online and others) accused us of "shamelessly trying to 'exploit last week's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe in hopes of advancing their global warming and anti-development agendas.'"

The American Enterprise Institute's James K. Glassman, in a column ("No one should want to idea that SUVs are to blame," Jan. 12, Stars and Stripes), called us

"unscrupulous activists" for whom "the tsunami offers an irresistible opportunity for exploitation."

And Dr. Pat Michaels attacked the "environmental experts" who have "moral audacity" of linking climate change to the tsunami. "Unfortunately it is another 'Predictable Distortion' of global warming, similar to dozens documented in my recent book," he said.

But it wasn't just conservative columnists who were quick to condemn. The Chicago Tribune told its readers, "This is worse than a hoax. It's an insult to the victims and the survivors of the tsunami and to the millions of compassionate people trying to bring relief and figure out how to prevent a similar disaster."

The Boston Herald said, "We wondered if some environmental zealot would try to blame the catastrophe on global warming. Our fears have been realized in Britain. Neither Friends of the Earth nor Greenpeace has ever claimed that earthquakes can be caused by climate change or made

any such link. Our 'comments,' which have been taken completely out of context, were made before the tsunami struck and related to a separate issue."

But not one journalist or commentator contacted us to see if we had in fact linked the tsunami to global warming before writing their attacks. But then it suits certain quarters to discredit those who want to see action on global warming.

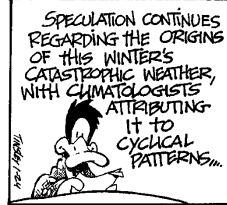
Climate change is a genuine threat to people and the environment, a fact that credible scientists agree on, including the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which says "greenhouse gases are accumulating in Earth's atmosphere as a result of human activities, causing surface temperatures and subsurface ocean temperatures to rise."

It's time the world woke up to the threat of climate change. Discrediting genuine concerns about global warming or shooting the messenger might make a good story, but it won't make the problem go away.

Tony Juniper is director of Friends of the Earth in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Cooking controversy

**OH** THOMPSON — A high school principal promises he's going to give the living skills curriculum an extreme makeover after a student skinned and cooked a guinea pig and a rabbit during class.

The student, a 16-year-old boy, told the principal, Beto Gage, that he killed the animals at home before bringing them to Ledgemont High School. Gage said living skills teacher Diana Stevens lets students prepare a meal of their choice on Wednesdays.

Students who didn't want to watch were allowed to go into another room, Gage said.

The student had asked Stevens if he could catch and cook a wild rabbit and she approved, provided he gut the carcass before class, Gage said. He said the student, whose name was not released, is an active hunter.

The animals, however, apparently were purchased at a pet store.

## Musical research

**NC** GREENSBORO — The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has started a research institute dedicated to increasing the understanding of how music is created by the human brain.

Researchers will look for insights by studying music's uses in medicine, psychology and education, among other fields.

## Parish closing

**NH** ROCHESTER — An Episcopal parish that lost most of its worshippers after the diocese elected an openly gay bishop announced it will close after Easter. Remaining parishioners decided to close the Church of the Redeemer, saying there aren't enough worshippers and the parish leaders are overburdened.

The church has operated for more than 100 years.

## Coach must stop prayer

**MI** AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP — A Washtenaw County school district ordered a high school coach to stop leading his wrestlers in prayer. The district issued the order after the ACLU threatened to sue unless Daren Schaller stopped the prayers, which came after practices and before meets.

The whole team participated in the prayers, which the district said were voluntary.

## Pennmanship for doctors

**MT** HELENA — The state House Judiciary Committee endorsed a bill calling for sanctions against doctors if a licensed pharmacist can't read the prescriptions they write. Under the legislation, repeat offenses could lead to a fine of up to \$500.

The bill now goes to the full House for debate.

## Costco sells Picasso

**WA** SEATTLE — Costco shoppers were offered an online deal this month — an original Picasso.

The crayon-on-paper drawing of a face signed and dated by Pablo Picasso was listed for \$39,999.99



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on the retailer's Web site Jan. 12. It sold Wednesday, said Jim Sinegal, Costco's chief executive, who would not identify the buyer.

The Issaquah-based discount retailing giant may be better known for bulk chicken and cases of soda, but the Costco.com site features an eclectic mix of items, from caskets to computers to sports equipment.

Art dealer Jim Tutwiler, who sold the Picasso, has been selling art through Costco for the past decade. He said Costco's markup is one-tenth that of traditional galleries.

## Death settlement

**IN** BLOOMINGTON — The family of a man who died after a jailer shocked him with a stun gun has reached a \$500,000 settlement over his death.

James Borden, 47, died in November 2003 at Monroe County Jail, where Lawrence County police had brought him for violation of a home detention order. Jail reports said Borden was "uncooperative," prompting jailer David Shaw to shock him six times with the stun gun.

Lawrence and Monroe counties agreed to the settlement but did not admit liability in Borden's death.

The settlement does not include Taser International Inc., the Scottsdale, Ariz.-based maker of the stun gun.

A coroner ruled Borden's cause of death as a heart attack brought



## Icy perch

A red-tailed hawk sits a top a pogonip covered branch in Washoe Valley, Nev.

on by an existing heart condition, drug intoxication and electrical shock.

## Poison plan

**FL** FORT LAUDERDALE — A woman received a 20-year prison sentence Thursday for putting rat poison in her boss' soda to cover up the fact that she was stealing his money.

Femesha Foster, 37, was found guilty Jan. 5 of poisoning for dropping the toxic mix into optometrist Mark Caruso's drink in 2000. Caruso realized the drink tasted funny and drove himself to an emergency room, where he was treated and released.

Foster, who worked as a technician for Caruso at a Wal-Mart, said she had discovered that her boss knew she had written checks from his account. Foster said she was not trying to kill him, but only send him home sick so she could have time to cover her tracks.

Foster's lawyer, William Lannephear, said he would appeal the verdict and sentence. He had argued Foster was innocent because there wasn't enough rat poison in the soda to do Caruso harm.

Foster is almost at the end of a five-year prison sentence for grand theft in the case.

## Polite robber

**MN** MILWAUKEE — Sometimes saying please just doesn't work.

A man trying to rob Marine Land Pets got locked inside the pet store because of some fast action on the part of two clerks. The sisters, Wendy and Crystal York, triggered alarms that notified police and locked the store's front door.

The man can be heard on the store's security tape demanding that the clerk's open the door, only to hear them say, "We can't."

Then he asks again, "Open the door, ma'am. Please open the door."

He finally found his way out a back door and fled. Police were looking for him.

## Scalding reaction

**MA** BOSTON — A Boston parking meter attendant suffered first- and second-degree burns on her face and upper torso after a man angry over the \$55 ticket she gave him allegedly threw hot coffee at her.

Christi Novello, 44, was walking her beat in the Back Bay at about 8:30 on Thursday morning when she saw a Hummer parked in a loading zone with a woman in the passenger seat.

She gave the woman a chance to move the vehicle before writing a \$55 ticket and slipping it under a windshield wiper.

"I am a nice meter maid," Novello told the Boston Herald.

"As a courtesy, I gave the lady a chance to move, but she pointed at the Starbucks and refused."

The driver, Francois Youhanna, came out of the coffee shop enraged, Novello said.

"He had a vent-sized cup of black coffee in his hand and he flung it right in my face."

Youhanna was arrested and charged with assault and battery with a deadly weapon, hot coffee.



## Sweet little lambs

Jaden Silva, 2, leads his animal in the pee wee division of the lamb light weight medium wool class at the Cameron County Fair Grounds in San Benito, Texas.



## It's as easy as pie

Spencer Hill, left and Bridget Deery, both students at Notre Dame High School in Burlington, Iowa, take part in a pie-eating contest in the school's cafeteria.



## Sunset baseball

Adam Wootton, 4, plays baseball with his aunt and grandmother as the sun goes down at Civitan Park in Farmington, N.M.





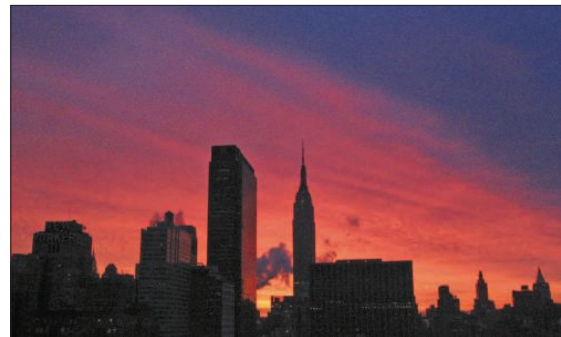
**Making a point** Chad Sommers, left, of New Orleans, and Donald Bratton of Ocean Springs, Miss., both students at The University of Southern Mississippi, put on a fencing demonstration on the Hattiesburg, Miss., campus.



**Catching air** Brandon Knox, 17, of Omaha, Neb., jumps a hill at Mt. Crescent Ski Area in Crescent, Iowa.



**Too hot to handle** Montana State University-Northern student Dan Stratton welds together a spark tester during welding certification class at MSU-Northern, Havre, Mont.



**Before the storm** Dawn breaks over the midtown Manhattan skyline, with the Empire State Building center right, on Saturday.

## Quarry crash

**ME** ROCKLAND — A vehicle skidded off a cliff and plunged into an ice-covered quarry, but divers will wait until spring to recover the body of the driver.

A passing driver saw the accident, which happened Thursday morning near the Limerock Street-Old County Road intersection. The witness told police she saw a dark-colored Chevy Blazer go over a stone barrier at the side of the road and fall into the city-owned quarry.

Rockland police Sgt. Jeff McLaughlin said snowy weather, road conditions and speed probably contributed to the accident.

## Cockfight extortion

**SC** COLUMBIA — A former state official pleaded guilty to extortion charges Thursday and admitted taking a \$10,000 bribe to protect a cockfighting organization from legal trouble.

Suspended South Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Charles Sharpe was accused of accepting the payoff from an organization involved in breeding and raising birds for cockfighting, which is illegal in the state.

He used the money to pay off a debt from his 2002 campaign for commissioner, prosecutor Mark Moore said. Sharpe also pleaded guilty to lying to a federal officer.

"I am truly sorry for my error in judgment and ask for forgiveness," Sharpe told the court.

## Alarming problem

**CA** FREMONT — Burdened by thousands of false alarms, police in Fremont will become the first in California to stop responding to burglar alarms unless there is a confirmed break-in or security breach.

The new policy, effective Feb. 18, will allow police to handle more urgent calls and save the city about \$600,000 a year in staff time and equipment costs, Fremont Police Chief Craig Steckler said.

"I'm going to get out of the alarm business," Steckler said. "I was never asked permission to get into it."

Under the policy, police won't respond to burglar alarms unless a resident, property owner or alarm company employee can show evidence that a crime occurred, such as glass breakage or seeing a suspicious person. Officers, however, will still respond to panic, duress and robbery alarms.

## Costly surgery error

**NY** NEW YORK — A hospital and the New York Rangers' hockey team doctor Thursday were ordered to pay \$450,000 to a dance director and choreographer who had surgery on the wrong knee.

Douglas Hall, 43, went to St. Vincent's Hospital in November 2001 for arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. Despite marking the right knee with an "X," Dr. Andrew Feldman operated on the left knee.

Feldman, described on St. Vincent's Web site as the head team physician for the Rangers, admitted an error occurred; the parties disagreed on how it happened.

## An otter nuisance

**OH** COLUMBUS — The wily and playful river otter was once on the verge of extinction in Ohio. Now they're thriving — and causing so much damage that wildlife officials are considering allowing hunters to trap them.

It's a situation few states have had with other animals. In Florida and New Jersey, it's the black bear. The Rockies and Alaska have the gray wolf. Nearly everywhere else, it's the white-tailed deer and Canada goose.

The otter's numbers have soared in just two decades — from 123 to about 4,300 — and Ohio wildlife officials are proposing a permit-only two-month trapping season. The Ohio Wildlife Council will vote on the proposal in April.

## Turtles on the decline

**FL** DAYTONA BEACH — Endangered loggerhead turtles along Florida beaches are in serious and rapid decline, but last year's four hurricanes are probably not to blame, experts said.

According to the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, a 20-mile stretch on Florida's east coast from Melbourne Beach to Wabasso Beach, the number of loggerhead nests have dropped steadily since 1998, from 18,000 nests to approximately 8,000.

Loggerhead nesting activity is inconsistent from year to year.

There are high and low cycles that last a few years each and are considered normal. But after six years of lows, experts said something might be wrong.

## Puppy sparks fight

**NY** NEW YORK — A Bronx teenager fatally stabbed a 20-year-old man and wounded a teenage girl in a fight over a pit bull puppy, police said.

Samuel Encarnacion, 18, was arrested on murder and assault charges in the incident, which happened at about 2:45 a.m. Thursday inside a Bronx apartment.

Encarnacion allegedly became violent when his girlfriend, Ophelia Torres, 16, and her cousin, Johnny Torres, refused to let him play with or help train the puppy, police said.

## Charitable nudity

**CA** STANFORD — More than a dozen Stanford University freshmen have put together an eye-catching calendar, inspired by southern Asia tsunami victims and naked Maine lobster fishermen.

The calendar, which has already sold 70 copies and no doubt will sell hundreds more, features 14 students from Larkin Hall, a freshman dormitory. All are naked, but strategically so.

"You can't see anything," said Pam Geist, one of three Larkin students who created the calendar, which will raise funds for Save the Children. "Everything is blocked."

Geist is topless in the April photo, but her long hair and a discreet camera angle make sure she is revealing nothing more than a liberal halter top would.

Co-creators Joel Lewenstein and Andrew Burman are the August models, with both holding cameras in strategic places. One camera has a telephoto lens.

Stories and photos from wire reports

# Horoscope

When the moon enters Leo this afternoon, all the inventive energy of the Aquarian solar influence is given dimension. The impending full moon adds the exhilarated buzz that comes from letting creativity sing through us. Creativity, like love, isn't something one needs to generate. Its energy is already present, and we need only be open to it!

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(January 24). This year, you'll realize how truly loved you are. Family and friends shower you with attention, while guardian angels disguised as perfect strangers emerge to offer you assistance. Be sure you know what you want this spring. You'll purchase a luxury item in September. A romantic getaway beckons in July or October. Love signs are Leo and Libra. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 34, 12, 13 and 44.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Prepare for a change of events in your social life. The sudden entrance or exit of a certain individual sets off a fortuitous chain of events, enabling you to pursue your dreams with energy and enthusiasm.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You feel as though your life is a reality TV show — you're constantly "on" and don't seem to have as much privacy as you're accustomed to. Your existence is more glamorous than you think. Enjoy your skyrocketing ratings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You are of two minds regarding an important career path. One road requires much patience and waiting, the other immediate action. If you're really stuck, ask yourself, "What would fellow Gemini Clint Eastwood do?"

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Small changes you make to your life, if practiced consistently, can tally huge benefits for you over time. Don't forget that every journey begins with a single step, and every step begins with a single thought.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Someone else's trash is your treasure. Check out flea markets, used bookstores, eBay, vintage clothing stores and other places where you're likely

to turn lead into gold. A fantastic find is yours for the asking.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You may have to revise your plans based on someone else's schedule. Try not to fret too much. While this sudden shift may be frustrating and could inconvenience you temporarily, the end results will be worth the wait.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're magnetic, effortlessly drawing people to you and widening your already large circle of friends.

Embrace the new, more sociable you. A romantic partner is being very mysterious. Adopting a wait-and-see attitude is best.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** A message from a far-off friend may bring an invitation to travel and perhaps study abroad. Make your plans well in advance so you have time to save up. A change of scenery would do you good.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Money's a little tight as bills from the holiday season roll in. Penny pinching is definitely not your style, but a little self-control serves you well. Do you really need to buy more books, or can you visit the library?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You have a calming effect on those around you, a trait that may prove valuable in the business world.

Just be sure your boss doesn't see you as irreplaceable, or you'll never convince him or her to give you that promotion.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Let your innate curiosity guide you into your future. Just because your dream sounds far-fetched, that's no reason to abandon it. Use your common sense, but allow your creativity equal say. The two aren't mutually exclusive.

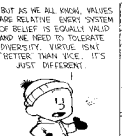
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A project that encountered delays last month heats up once again. You've had plenty of time to plot and think — the time to act is now! Self-doubt's a major waste of time. Lead by the strength of your convictions.

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## Holiday Mathis



## Calvin and Hobbes



## Jump Start



## Zits



## Cathy



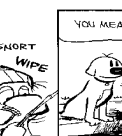
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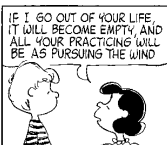
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## Better or Worse



## Peanuts



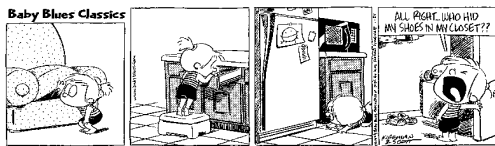
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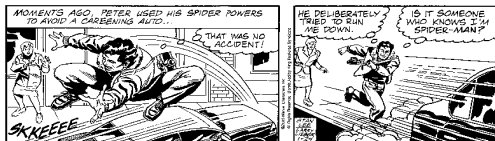
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Baby Blues



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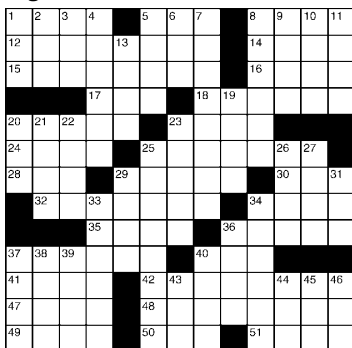
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



## Across

- 1 Sound of laughter
- 5 Foundation
- 8 — rush (forced dismissal)
- 12 Musical intro
- 14 Exam format
- 15 Admonitions
- 16 Appetition
- 17 Wapiti
- 18 Sent a wire
- 20 Tangle
- 23 Mexican money
- 24 Shetland, for one
- 25 Inner materials
- 28 Exist
- 29 Evans or Ellerbe
- 30 Rowboat aid
- 32 Storefront canopies
- 34 Long story
- 35 Biblical prophet
- 36 Sacred composition
- 37 Frolic
- 40 Have a bug
- 41 Medley
- 42 Salary
- 47 Grant's is famous
- 48 More of a mess
- 49 Palette selections
- 50 Wrong (Prof.)
- 51 Snead and Spade

## Down

- 1 Explanation, often
- 2 Eggs
- 3 Yon maiden
- 4 Cantankerous
- 5 Nonsense
- 6 Work unit
- 7 Drops
- 8 Chocolate treat
- 9 Caspian Sea feeder
- 10 Jerry Herman show
- 11 Coaster
- 13 Cash drawer
- 19 Largest of the seven
- 20 Collegian's stat
- 21 Asta's mistress
- 22 From square one
- 23 Engine knots
- 25 Kitchen flooring, often
- 26 Capricorn
- 27 Wise one
- 29 Prom-night transport
- 31 Snitch
- 33 Business bigwigs
- 34 Cube, cone, sphere, et al.
- 36 Skirt length
- 37 Musical subculture
- 38 Felipe of baseball
- 39 Marceau's specialty
- 40 Crafts' partner
- 43 Blackbird
- 44 Actress Vardalos
- 45 Idaho, the — State
- 46 Grads-to-be (Abbr.)

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## I-24 CRYPTOQUIP

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ONR "UFMRO" NSG "JFAAO."  
Saturday's Cryptquip: TWO LAUNDERERS  
WERE IN A HOT DEBATE, BUT THEY FINALLY  
IRONED OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: O equals S











# SCOREBOARD

## AFN TV & Radio

### Monday

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.-NFL** playoffs: ESPN Sunday Night Football.  
**AFN-Pacific Korea, AFN-Atlantic, 4 a.m.-NFL** playoffs: FOX NFL Today.  
**AFN-Pacific Korea, AFN-Pacific Korea, AFN radio, 8 a.m.-NFL** playoffs: NFC championship game at Philadelphia.  
**AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.-Tennis:** Australian Open, Round 1.  
**AFN-Sports, 2:30 p.m.-NFL** playoffs: ESPN NFL PreGame.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.-College** basketball: Washington State at Washington State.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-NFL** playoffs: NFC championship game at Philadelphia (chi).

### Tuesday

**AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m.-NFL** playoffs: AFC championship, New England at Pittsburgh.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-College** basketball: Syracuse at Rutgers.  
**AFN-Atlantic, 9:30 a.m.-Women's** college basketball: Oklahoma State at North Carolina.  
**AFN radio, 11 a.m.-NBA:** Detroit at Orlando.  
**AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.-College** basketball: Oklahoma State at San Diego State.  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-College** basketball: Navy at Army (did).

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## Pro football

### NFL playoffs

**Wild-card game**  
**Saturday, Jan. 8**  
 St. Louis 27, San Diego 17, OT  
**Sunday, Jan. 9**  
 Indianapolis 40, Denver 15  
 Cincinnati 31, Green Bay 14  
**Divisional playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Pittsburgh 20, N.Y. Jets 17, OT  
 Atlanta 47, St. Louis 17  
**Sunday, Jan. 16**  
 Philadelphia 27, Minnesota 14  
 New England 30, Indianapolis 16  
**Conference Championships**  
**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
 Atlanta at Philadelphia  
 Pittsburgh at Philadelphia  
**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday, Jan. 16**  
 AFC vs. NFC at Jacksonvill, Fla.

## College basketball

### AP Men's Top 25 Next

**Saturday**  
 1. Illinois (19-0) did not play. Next: No. 24 Wisconsin, Tuesday.  
 2. Kansas (14-1) lost to Villanova 83-62. Next: at Baylor, Tuesday.  
 3. Wake Forest (18-2) beat No. 30 Cincinnati 74-70. Next: at No. 12 Georgia Tech, Thursday.  
 4. Duke (14-0) at Florida State. Next: vs. North Carolina, Wednesday.  
 5. Oklahoma State (14-2) beat Rutgers 82-53. Next: at No. 18 Oklahoma, Thursday.  
 6. North Carolina (15-2) vs. Miami. Next: at Syracuse (19-1) beat West Virginia 82-68. Next: at Kentucky (14-2) beat LSU 89-58. Next: at Washington State (15-0) at St. John's. Next: at Boston College (15-2) did not play. Next: at Illinois (19-0) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Georgia Tech (11-3) at San Diego. Next: vs. Portland, Saturday.  
 7. Georgia Tech (11-3) at Virginia Tech. Next: vs. No. 3 Wake Forest, Thursday.  
 8. North Carolina (15-2) vs. Tennessee. Next: at No. 10 Washington, Thursday.  
 9. Louisville (15-2) vs. Tennessee. Next: at No. 25 Marquette, Wednesday.  
 10. Texas (14-3) at No. 15 Oklahoma. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.  
 11. Connecticut (13-5) vs. No. 21 Pittsburg. Next: at West Virginia, Tuesday.  
 12. Michigan State (18-0) vs. North Carolina. Next: at LSU, Saturday.  
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 14. Kentucky (14-2) beat No. 3 Wake Forest 82-74. Next: at South Florida, Thursday.  
 15. Virginia Tech (12-3) at No. 1 Wake Forest. Next: vs. No. 7 Syracuse, Saturday.  
 16. Alabama (14-3) at Auburn. Next: at Auburn, Wednesday.  
 17. Iowa (14-1) beat Purdue 71-57. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.  
 18. Wisconsin (13-3) beat Michigan 72-61. Next: vs. No. 1 Illinois, Tuesday.  
 19. Marquette (14-0) lost to Charlotte 76-66. Next: at No. 14 Loyola, Wednesday.

### Friday's men's scores

Alfred 68, Hartwick 50

## STARS AND STRIPES

American U, 72, Army 37  
 Amherst 68, Wesleyan, Conn. 58  
 Bard 80, N.Y. Maritime 60  
 Baruch 84, Medgar Evers 59  
 Bates 86, Middlebury 65  
 Bucknell 71, Lafayette 54  
 Carnegie-Mellon 51, Chicago 72  
 Colgate 63, Lehigh 54  
 Hamilton 65, Union, N.Y. 66  
 Hofstra 68, Albany 64  
 Hobart 70, St. Peter's 68  
 Iona 65, St. John's 68  
 Iona 65, St. John's 68  
 Oswego 57, 71, Connecticut 61  
 Penn St.-Altoona 71, Mendota 51  
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 Rochester 72, Washington, Mo. 63  
 St. John Fisher 80, U.S. Military 51  
 Tufts 55, Bates 54  
 Vassar 86, St. Lawrence 62

### FOOTBALL

Bellevue 92, Oklahoma Wesleyan 58  
 Brandeis 74, Case Reserve 66  
 Dakota St. 78, Valley City 57  
 Duquesne 61, Rhode 56  
 Dickinson 61, St. Mary 67  
 Hendrix 55, Rhode-Huam 51  
 Illinois College 70, Carroll, Wis. 67  
 Marshall 68, St. Lawrence 61  
 Mayville 55, St. Francis-Huron 61  
 Mount St. Mary's 68, St. Lawrence 61  
 New York 72, Amherst 68  
 New York 72, Amherst 68  
 Newman 75, Penn St. 71  
 Presentation 61, St. Scholastica 65  
 Presentation 61, Martin Luther 68

### SOUTHWEST

### FAIR WEST

Carroll, Mont. 72, Montana Tech 58  
 Lewis-Clark St. 58, Great Falls 44  
 Montana Wesleyan 68, Montana 69  
 Oregon Tech 61, Concordia, Ore. 73  
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# Mets' new general manager thinks only one way — big

BY GERRY FRALEY  
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Omar Minaya has put the "Texas Gang" back together.

Baseball in New York and the National League will not be the same.

Minaya, the New York Mets' general manager, has brought into the front office many of the key components from the Texas Rangers' player-personnel operation of a decade ago.

Sandy Johnson, who made the Rangers a force in Latin American scouting, is a top advisor to his former student. Johnson hired Minaya as an area scout for the Rangers in 1986 and sent him to Venezuela in his first day on the job. Doug Gassaway, Bryan Lambie and Rudy Terrasas joined the Mets' scouting department.

When together with the Rangers, this group became noteworthy for its aggressive and daring ways. There were big hits (Juan Gonzalez, Ivan Rodriguez and Sammy Sosa) and big misses (Donald Harris and Dan Smith), but there were always big swings. Nothing has changed.

As Montreal's general manager, Minaya fought the good fight without the necessary resources. He has those resources with the Mets and is taking full advantage. The bold signings of high-profile free agents Carlos Beltran and Pedro Martinez energized a franchise worn down by back-to-back 90-loss seasons. Minaya did not stop there.

Minaya might still end up with Sosa, whom he signed for the Rangers. Minaya went to Puerto Rico on Friday for the second time in three weeks to make a sales pitch to free-agent slugger Carlos Delgado.

"It's nice to be able to go out and get those players," Minaya said. "But this job is not just about getting key guys. You always have to be looking for ways to make the puzzle fit."

"I haven't lost that feeling to go the extra mile. I'll do whatever I have to do. I was taught that way."

For all Minaya has done, two deals done before his arrival will determine the Mets' course this season. The Mets fooled themselves into believing they were contenders last summer and traded prospects for right-handers Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano. The Mets will be contenders this season if Benson and Zambrano join Martinez and Tom Glavine to form an upgraded rotation.

The Mets had the third-best rotation ERA (4.21) in the NL East last season, trailing Atlanta and Florida. That will not be good enough for the Minaya administration. It thinks in only one size: big.

## Seattle might clean up with Beltre, Sexson

Seattle committed \$114 million to free agents Adrian Beltre and Richie Sexson. The investment will be worth it if Beltre and Sexson fill the yawning gap in the middle of the Mariners' lineup.

A variety of combinations in the Nos. 3 and 4 spots failed to produce needed power for run-starved Seattle last season. The Mariners' Nos. 3 and 4 hitters produced American League lows in homers (40) and RBIs (161). World Series champion Boston led the league in both categories with 89 homers and 283 RBIs.

Beltre shortened his swing last season and produced 48 homers and 121 RBI for Los Angeles. Injuries limited Sexson to 90 at-bats with Arizona last season. From 2000 to 2003, Sexson averaged 37 homers and 111 RBI per season.

If the Mariners get about 80 homers and 225 RBI from Beltre and Sexson, they can be contenders again.

Having an established cleanup hitter "legitimizes the lineup," new Mariners manager Mike Hargrove said. Hargrove is not certain how he will align Beltre and Sexson, but the Mariners are secure in the knowledge they have two cleanup hitters. Last season, they had none and lost 99 games.

## Briefly ...

No player has fallen quicker and further than second baseman Roberto Alomar, who signed with Tampa Bay rather than compete with Mark Grudzielanek for playing time in St. Louis. In 2001, Alomar hit .336 with 20 homers and 100 RBI with Cleveland. In the past three seasons, he has hit only .262 with 20 homers and 116 RBI for three clubs, and his defensive work has deteriorated. Alomar has gone from certain Hall of Famer to a borderline candidate. ...

If Dean Palmer's comeback with Detroit is successful, he will be a bench player. Palmer played only one game at third base from 2001 to 2003, and the Tigers do not have openings at first base or designated hitter. Back in 2001, he had problems limited Palmer to 87 games in 2001-03, and he retired before last season. ...

The regular season will open April 3 with another installment in the Red Sox-Yankees holy war. Boston's Curt Schilling is slowly recovering from elbow surgery, but nothing will keep him from making that start against former teammate but something less-than-god-friend Randy Johnson. ...

The most impressive winter-league performance? Florida's Miguel Cabrera, an All-Star last season, hit .448 with nine homers and 32 RBIs in 58 at-bats with Aragua during the Venezuelan round-robin playoffs. Cabrera played to erase memories of last season's poor finish. He hit only .216 in his final 120 at-bats.

**Mets GM Omar Minaya signed Sammy Sosa, above, while Minaya worked for the Texas Rangers. It's no secret Minaya would like to see Sosa playing his home games at Shea Stadium in 2005.**



# Order to block Angels name change denied

The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Call Southern California's American League team the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

A judge refused Friday to grant a preliminary injunction to Anaheim in its attempt to keep the Angels from adding Los Angeles to their name.

"In summary, the court feels that the city of Anaheim has failed to show a reasonable proba-

bility of prevailing on the merits of its arguments at an upcoming trial," Superior Court Judge Peter Polos said.

Polos told lawyers for the city that the stadium lease requires only that Anaheim be in the team's name. Earlier this month, Polos denied the city a temporary restraining order after Anaheim sued the Angels, claiming the name change wasn't permitted in the team's lease.

Anaheim spokesman John Nico-

letti said the next court hearing was scheduled March 8.

The team said the name change is meant to increase fan base, advertisers and broadcast contracts, by emphasizing its connection to the nation's second-largest media market.

The Angels' vice president of communication, Tim Mead, said outside of court that the team will keep Los Angeles in its name and it doesn't have control over whether people want to drop "Anaheim" from the official title.



**Carlos Beltran, sitting at Shea Stadium, was impressed when Mets GM Omar Minaya visited him in Puerto Rico on a recruiting visit earlier this month.**

# Los Mets: Minaya's recruiting lands blue-chip free agents

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said last week from the Dominican.

Martinez's decision to sign a \$53 million, four-year contract with New York helped persuade Beltran to reach agreement on a \$119 million, seven-year deal.

After having dinner at the White House on Jan. 10, Minaya announced Beltran's deal at Shea Stadium the following day. Then he held a news conference on Jan. 12 with Beltran at the Mets' spring training camp in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and another the next day in Puerto Rico.

"He's always looking for the well-being of Latinos and now he's with Tony Bernazard, who comes from the Players' Association," Beltran said. "I'm going to be very well taken care of."

"I've known Omar since I was 18. They came to Puerto Rico to meet with me, which other teams did not do," he said. "That showed me they really wanted me."

Minaya publicly thanked Beltran's wife, Jessica, after the negotiations, clearly understanding her importance in the process.

While Minaya plays down the language and cultural bond he shares with Martinez and Beltran, his strategy to pump up a team that hasn't been to the playoffs since 1994 seems to be working.

Delgado said the Latin influence in the Mets and Minaya's approach makes the team "a little more attractive."

"It's really the person, but the language helps," Minaya said.

Martinez is doing his part in the recruiting effort.

"I explained to Carlos Delgado the plans the Mets have to become a championship team," Mar-

tinez said Wednesday. "I've also talked to Sammy Sosa, and he told me that it would be an honor to play with me in New York."

Sosa could be available in a trade at the right price.

New York has a large Hispanic population, one that could help the new regional sports network the Mets intend to start in 2006.

Stars attract fans, as the Yankees have shown.

"Diversity is good business," Minaya said.

A 14th-round selection of the Oakland Athletics in 1978, Minaya had a short playing career that included a brief stint in Italy.

He then worked his way up from area scout to scouting director with the Rangers and in 1998 became the Mets' assistant general manager.

He was turned down half a dozen times for GM jobs before his breakthrough in 2002, when baseball Commissioner Bud Selig hired him to become GM of the Expos.

Montreal, which had been purchased by the other 29 teams, had only a handful of employees left when Minaya took over.

His deals helped keep the Expos in contention into the second half of the season in 2002 and 2003, but by 2004, the second season in which baseball moved some of the Expos' home games to San Juan, there was little front-line talent left. Montreal faded on the field — and into history, too. The Expos became the Washington Nationals last month.

Minaya takes in stride the attention that comes from a high-profile job.

"It's a passing thing. I've been around long enough to know what's hot today is forgotten tomorrow," he said.

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## NBA scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
Philadelphia	18	20	.474
Boston	18	20	.474
New York	17	24	.413
Toronto	17	24	.413
New Jersey	15	24	.385

Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Miami	29	17	.629
Washington	29	17	.629
Charlotte	21	17	.553
Orlando	18	19	.485
Atlanta	18	20	.474

Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	23	15	.605
San Antonio	17	18	.486
Indiana	20	24	.455
Memphis	18	24	.430
Minneapolis	14	24	.368

## Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
San Antonio	33	7	.826
Dallas	27	13	.675
Houston	22	17	.563
Memphis	22	17	.563
New Orleans	16	23	.410

Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct
Seattle	27	11	.710
Minnesota	20	13	.607
Denver	17	23	.426
Portland	14	26	.350
Vancouver	14	26	.350

Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	22	10	.688
Sacramento	21	15	.579
L.A. Lakers	19	17	.524
Golden State	18	20	.474

Friday's games			
	W	L	Pct
Washington 18, Toronto 109			
Dallas 105, Charlotte 99			
Houston 92, New York 91			
New Jersey 104, Boston 98			
Indiana 106, Miami 100			
Chicago 104, Atlanta 95			
Memphis 98, Detroit 86			
Orlando 92, Memphis 82			
San Antonio 126, Phoenix 123			
Minnesota 112, Seattle 107			
L.A. Lakers 105, Golden State 101			

Saturday's games			
	W	L	Pct
Boston at Atlanta			
Philadelphia at Orlando			
Chicago at Detroit			
San Antonio at Dallas			
L.A. Clippers at New Orleans			
Minnesota at Portland			
Golden State at Golden State			

Sunday's games			
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## Spurs, Pacers claim victories in overtime

The Associated Press

Two of the top contenders in the Western Conference went to overtime in Phoenix: Two of the East's best teams did the same in Miami.

Manny Ginobili scored 48 points Friday night and the San Antonio Spurs rallied from a 17-point fourth-quarter deficit to hand the Suns their sixth consecutive loss, 128-123.

The Miami Heat and Indiana Pacers met in the night's other marquee matchup, and the result of last year's Eastern Conference semifinals also was a thriller.

Jamaal Tinsley scored 30 points, including a jumper to force overtime, and Reggie Miller hit two three-pointers in the extra session to lead Indiana to a 106-100 victory.

Tim Duncan had 30 points and 19 rebounds for the Spurs, who became the first team to beat Phoenix twice this season.

Steve Nash had 16 points and 13 assists in 46 minutes, returning to action after missing the past 3½ games with injuries.

Shawn Marion scored 37 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the Suns. His three-quarter buzzer before 10:30 p.m. was the first in the NBA.

"I think they're tired and dejected right now," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said of his players, "but in the back of their mind, they know, like we're pretty good."

The Pacers (20-18) have been pretty good, even without suspended All-Star Ron Artest.

Tinsley has picked up his game lately, averaging 29.7 points over his past three. He hit an awkward shot over Miami's Keyon Dooling to tie the Friday's game with 0.9 seconds left in regulation.

Miller opened the overtime with a three-pointer, then added another for a 101-96 Indiana lead with 1:36 remaining.

Jermaine O'Neal had 26 points and 14 rebounds for Indiana.

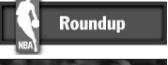
Miller had 18 points.

Dwyane Wade scored 30 points for Miami, Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 and Udonis Haslem had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

**Rockets 82, Knicks 91:** At New York, Scott Padgett hit an overtime one-hander to give the Rockets a 91-82 victory inside the free-throw line in the final second for Houston. Tracy McGrady scored 35 points, six on two three-pointers in Houston's 1:40 run to start the second half.

The Knicks had a chance to put the game away with a basket, but gave the Rockets a chance with a shot-clock violation. Padgett got the ball after the Knicks swarmed McGrady and just beat the buzzer with his winning shot.

**Wizards 118, Raptors 109:** At Washington, Antawn Jamison had 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Juan Dixon scored 26 for the Wizards.



Reggie Miller (31) of the Indiana Pacers celebrates after defeating the Phoenix Suns 106-100 on Friday night.



Steve Nash (15) of the Phoenix Suns celebrates after defeating the San Antonio Spurs 128-123 on Friday night.



Reggie Miller (31) of the Indiana Pacers celebrates after defeating the Phoenix Suns 106-100 on Friday night.



# Wilkins resigns as Knicks coach

## Assistant Williams will guide team for rest of season

By JOHN NICHOLSON

The Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Lenny Wilkins finally had enough.

The 67-year-old Hall of Famer resigned as coach of the salary-cap challenged New York Knicks on Saturday, likely ending a record-setting career that began in 1969 when he was still an All-Star guard with the Seattle SuperSonics.

This is a difficult decision for me to make at this time because I really want to help the New York team get back to being an elite team," Wilkins said in a prepared statement. "But after a lot of consideration, I feel it's the right time for me, the right move and best for all involved."

Knicks President Isiah Thomas, who insisted that he would not have fired Wilkins despite the team's recent slide, turned over the club to assistant coach Herb Williams for the rest of the season.

The resignation, the first time Wilkins has stepped down or been fired during a season, followed a lengthy meeting with Thomas after the Knicks' last-second home loss to Houston on Friday night, their ninth defeat in 10 games. Thomas also said Wilkins

is dealing with off-court issues, but was not specific.

"It's a very difficult day for myself and for the players," Thomas said. "He's a great man and a great coach. We'll miss him."

Wilkins is the winnipeg and losingest coach in NBA history, going 1,332-1,155 in 32 seasons with Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Atlanta, Toronto and New York. He won his only NBA title with the Sonics in 1979 and coached the United States to a gold medal in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Wilkins, who did not take questions after reading his statement, has two years and \$10 million left on his contract, which Thomas said the team will honor regardless of whether Wilkins accepts an offer to remain with the club in the front office.

"It's something I'll consider," Wilkins said. "Right now I feel I need to get away for a little time with my family."

Last season, Wilkins led the Knicks to their first playoff berth since 2001, going 23-19 in the 1994-95 season games. But the Knicks were swept by New Jersey in the first round.

The 46-year-old Williams spent the last seven seasons of his 18-year playing career with the Knicks and joined the coaching staff in December 2001.

"It's a great opportunity and I'm going to make the most of it," Wilkins said. "We're trying to get back to the way things used to be here — winning games in the playoffs. That's what it's all about in this league."

Williams impressed Thomas while coaching the club's summer league team.

"I'm excited for Herb to have this opportunity," Thomas said.

"He's very knowledgeable about the game and the players respect him."

Williams coached the Knicks for one game — a victory over Orlando — a year ago between Don Chaney's firing and the hiring of Williams.

"Herb knows what's going on," former teammate Allan Houston said.

Houston and Kurt Thomas are the only Knicks left from Wilkins' playing days.

"He's a warrior," Kurt Thomas said. "He's going to coach the way he played."

Late-game breakdowns have plagued New York (17-22) throughout the season, with the latest letdown coming on Rockets backup Scott Padgett's buzzer-beater Friday night after the Knicks had a shot-clock violation with 10 seconds left.

They also lost Monday to Chicago



Lenny Wilkins, who coached 32 seasons in Seattle, Portland, Cleveland, Atlanta, Toronto and New York, has the most wins and losses in NBA history (1,332-1,155). His only NBA title was with Seattle in 1979.

go on Ben Gordon's last-second basket, and were outscored 17-2 in the final 4:55 of a 17-point loss Wednesday night in Toronto. Six of their 22 losses have been decided by one or two points.

The Knicks have three games left on their four-game homestand — Milwaukee, Phoenix and Cleveland — before hitting the road for a six-game trip that includes stops in Detroit, Sacramento and Phoenix. They will then return home to play Shaquille O'Neal and the Eastern Conference-leading Miami Heat.

A nine-time All-Star in his

15-year playing career with St. Louis, Seattle, Cleveland and Portland, Wilkins and John Wood were the only Hall of Fame members elected as both a player and coach.

And in 1997, Wilkins — a player/coach for four seasons in Seattle and Portland — was the only man selected as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history and one of the 10 greatest coaches. Wilkins got his record 33rd victory in early 1995 with Atlanta, passing former Boston coach Red Auerbach.

AP Basketball Writer Chris Sheridan contributed to this report.

# New Mexico St. hoops coach Henson retires with 779 wins

The Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Ailing New Mexico State coach Lou Henson retired Saturday, 21 wins shy of becoming only the fifth Division I basketball coach with 800 victories.

Henson, 73, has been in a wheelchair and faced assorted health problems in recent years, from cancer to viral encephalitis. He has not coached this season but had planned to return Jan. 8. However, he was hospitalized with pneumonia Jan. 6.

"I have always been a very demanding coach. I expect my players to give 100 percent or they come out of the game," Henson said in a news conference on campus. "I can expect no less of myself. So because I am physically unable to give my all, I am taking myself out of the game."

Henson retires with a career record of 779-413, the sixth winnipeg in Division I history. Among active coaches, only Bob Knight has more wins. Henson coached last season despite being diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer. The cancer is now in remission, but in September he was hospitalized with viral encephalitis, a disease that left him partially paralyzed.

**Blizzard dumps several inches of snow before AFC, NFC games**

Put away those cleats and break out the ice skates.

A major winter storm dumped several inches of snow in Philadel-

## Sports briefs

phia on Saturday, forcing hundreds of stadium workers into duty to clear out Lincoln Financial Field before Sunday's NFC championship game between the Eagles and Atlanta Falcons.

Across the state, just a few inches of snow fell in Pittsburgh one day before the Steelers hosted the New England Patriots in the AFC title game at Heinz Field.

The Falcons arrived in Philadelphia early Saturday afternoon after moving their flight up 4½ hours to avoid travel delays. The Patriots averted any problems by leaving Friday night.

"I think when it's all said and done, it comes down to playing the game," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

However, slippery field conditions could work in Philadelphia's favor against Atlanta's strong running attack, neutralizing quarterback Michael Vick's speed and elusiveness and slowing speedy running back Warrick Dunn.

"I think he'll have more of an advantage if it's good footing out there," Eagles defensive end Jevon Kearse said of Vick. "Hopefully, it'll be bad footing for someone like Vick."

Steelers running back Jerome Bettis welcomed a wet surface in Pittsburgh, though he wasn't expected to get his wish.

"I'm a mudder," he said. "A fast track doesn't do much for me.

The worse the field, the better for me."

About one foot snow was expected to fall in Philadelphia before Sunday's 3 p.m. EST kickoff, but city officials said the field and stadium should be completely cleared out. More than 750 workers were on standby with 975 shovels and 65 tons of ice-melt. The field at the Linc was covered by a tarp and heated to 70 degrees.

As many as 200 workers stayed busy at Heinz Field cleaning snow off seats and ramps. The field, also covered with a tarp, was not likely to be affected.

Once the snow clears out, a game-time temperature of 18 with a minus-7 wind chill factor is predicted in Philadelphia. Forecasters are calling for 16-degree temperatures and a wind chill around 10 for the early evening game in Pittsburgh.

## 'Oil Can' Boyd attempting comeback with Brockton team

BROCKTON, Mass. — Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd is planning a return to professional baseball this summer after a 15-year hiatus with the independent Brockton Rox.

Rox manager Ed Nettle announced at the annual Brockton Rox Hot Stove Banquet on Friday that Boyd had been invited to spring training in May.

"I will make the ballclub," said Boyd, who attended the banquet. "I still love to play baseball."

Boyd hasn't pitched professional-

ly since 1997, when he played for another independent professional team, the Lynn-based Massachusetts Mad Dogs.

Boyd said he's still got plenty left in his right arm, adding he hit 89 mph in an exhibition game last summer in Cambridge. The Enterprise of Brockton reported.

"Heck, when I was pitching in the World Series in 1986, I was throwing 89," Boyd said. "That's good enough to get it done."

Boyd was 16-10 with a 3.78 ERA for Boston in 1986, the best season of his 10-year major league career, which ended with Texas in 1991. Boyd was known as an emotional player and threw a highly publicized tantrum after he was left off the All-Star team in 1986.

Nettle, who managed Boyd with the Pawtucket Red Sox, said Boyd loves the game more than almost anyone he knows.

Boyd, who's been living in his native Mississippi, began talking to Nettle about a comeback a month ago. Nettle said Boyd's return is no publicity stunt.

"If he isn't good enough, he won't make the team, but I think he will," Nettle said.

Nettle added that he told Boyd he would win 10 games for Brockton this year. He said Boyd responded, "I'll win 12."

## Miller's coach for sweep halted by postponement

KITZBUHEL, Austria — Bode Miller's chance for a rare sweep of five events in a season ended Saturday when a World

Cup downhill was postponed because of wet snow, forcing the cancellation of the combined.

The race will be rescheduled in Kvitfjell, Norway, the International Ski Federation said. The combined adds times from Saturday's downhill and Sunday's slalom.

Organizers called off the Hahnenkamm downhill for the first time in 12 years, but the slalom was expected to run Sunday despite predictions of poor weather.

There are only two combined events on the World Cup schedule this season. The other, a new version of the competition, was held last week in Wengen, Switzerland.

In December, Miller won a night slalom for a sweep of all four disciplines — slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom and downhill. He did so in 16 days, the shortest span in World Cup history.

Miller leads the overall World Cup rankings with 1,048 points, with Austria's Benjamin Raich next at 850.

## Slovenia's Maze wins women's giant slalom

MARIBOR, Slovenia — Tina Maze won a World Cup giant slalom before her home fans Saturday, her third victory in the event this season.

She was first on both runs on the Goldenfuss course on a cold, sunny day, finishing in 2 minutes, 16.36 seconds.

The top finishers for the United States were Julie Mancuso (tied for fifth) and Lindsey Kidwell (ninth).



# Lehman leads Woods by three in Buick Inv.

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Soapy fog made it impossible to see the ball. And the way Tom Lehman is playing in the Buick Invitational, it might be hard for the rest of the field to find him.

Lehman made two straight birdies to regain the lead, then returned from a three-hour fog delay to close out his second round with two more birdies to 5-under 67 on the South course at Torrey Pines, matching the 36-hole record and giving him a three-stroke lead going into the weekend.

Lehman was at 15-under 129, tying the record set by Lennie Clements in 1996.

Peter Lonard of Australia was at 12-under par and playing his final hole on the par-5 ninth hole on the North course when the second round was suspended by darkness.

Tiger Woods also got into contention, making four birdies in five holes after the fog delay. He was at 12-under.

Kevin Sutherland and Dudley Hart completed 36 holes in 10-under.

The third round also was delayed by fog, with play to resume late in the afternoon. Two-thirds of the players had not teed off when play was halted.

Lehman is gaining confidence with every day, and every shot.

The Ryder Cup captain easily handled the difficult South course, site of the 2008 U.S. Open, by finishing his round with four straight birdies. He closed with six straight birdies on the North course Thursday.

"I felt the fog delay actually worked in my favor," Lehman said. "It was struggling a bit with wind and I wanted to get the range and hit balls for an hour and a half, and felt like I got my rhythm back."

He can only hope for a different outcome than when Clements set the 36-hole record nine years ago. Clements shot 72-71 on the weekend and finished third.

## Golf roundup

Lehman, too, has struggled to close out tournaments. He has not won since the 2000 Phoenix Open, and ended last year by playing in the final group in three straight tournaments, failing to win.

Dean Wilson went from a spot among the leaders to the week-end after he failed to sign his scorecard Saturday after completing the second round.

Wilson, of Kaneohe, Hawaii, played his final six holes in 3 over for a 7-5, which would have left him tied for 16th at 14-under 138.

But he left the scoring trail without signing his card.

First time at pro, Wilson said as he cleaned out his locker.

It already has been a busy two weeks for Wilson. He was not given a sponsor's exemption in the Sony Open — despite being the only PGA Tour player from Hawaii — getting in as the fourth alternate. He finished 76th.

Wilson, who won two majors on the Japanese tour, is best known for playing with Annika Sorenstam for the first two rounds at the 2003 Colonial.

## Watson takes two-shot lead in Champions Tour opener

KAUPELEHU-KONA, Hawaii — Exhibiting a putting touch reminiscent of his prime, Tom Watson shot a bogey-free, 8-under-par 64 Friday to take a two-stroke lead over Wayne Levi after the first round of the MasterCard Championship.

Watson made eight birdies and didn't have a 5 on his scorecard at Hualalai Golf Club in shooting his lowest round since 1994 in the season-opening event on the Champions Tour.

Vicente Fernandez chipped in twice for birds to lead a large group at 5-under 67 that included 2004 player of the year Craig Stensky, Dana Quigley, Morris Hatalaky and John Jacobs.

## Tennis scoreboard

### Australian Open

Saturday  
At Melbourne Park  
Melbourne, Australia  
Prizes \$14.2 million (Grand Slam)  
Surface: Hard-Outdoor  
Single

### Men

#### Third Round

Guillermo Canas (2), Argentina, def. Radek, Slovakia, Czech Rep. 6-2, 6-2.  
Luis Lobo (2), Argentina, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero (1), Spain, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Tim Henman (7), Britain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.  
Philipp Kohlschreiber (2), Germany, def. Jean-Rene Lisnard (3), France, 7-5, 6-3, 6-2.

Andre Agassi (9), United States, def. Jurgen Melzer (23), Austria, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.  
Nicola Pietrangeli (9), Italy, def. Fernando Gonzalez (23), Chile, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-2.

Rafael Nadal, Spain, def. Bobby Reynolds, United States, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.  
Lleyton Hewitt (23), Australia, def. Juan Ignacio Chela (25), Argentina, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

### Women

#### Third Round

Anastasia Myskina (3), Russia, def. Lisa Raymond (25), United States, walkover.

Karolina Sprem (13), Croatia, def. Elena Likhovtseva (18), Russia, 6-4, 6-3.

Lindsay Davenport (1), United States, def. Nicole Pietrangeli (23), Austria, 6-2, 6-4.

Venus Williams (8), United States, def. Anna Smashnova (27), Israel, 6-3, 6-2.

Natallia Pietrangeli (12), Ukraine, def. Francesca Schiavone (14), Italy, 6-3, 6-2.

Alicia Molik (10), Australia, def. Tatiana Panova, Russia, 6-3, 6-2.

Alona Bondarenko (16), Switzerland, def. Abigail Spears, United States, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Elena Dementieva (16), Russia, def. Daniela Hantuchova (26), Slovakia, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

### Men

Jonathan Erlich and Andy Ram (3), Israel, def. Chung Hyeon, South Korea, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, walkover.

Philipp Kohlschreiber (2), Germany, def. Roko Karanovic, Croatia, and Uros Vicic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-2.

Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro (6), France, def. Jordan Kerr, Australia, and Jim Thomas, United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Ashley Fisher, Australia, and Travis Parrott, United States, def. Cyril Serrano and Pavel Vizek (9), Czech Republic, 7-6 (8), 6-4.

Natallia Pietrangeli (12), Ukraine, and Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia-Montenegro, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 6-3, 6-2.

Alona Bondarenko (16), Switzerland, def. Armin Fernandez, Argentina, and Andrei Pavel, Romania, def. 7-5.

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### Women

Li Ting and Yan Zi (10), China, def. Denisa Chladkova, Czech Republic, and Elena Likhovtseva (18), Russia, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2.

Jennifer Russell, United States, and Mara Santangelo, Italy, def. 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-2.

Anna Smashnova (27), Israel, and Nadia Pietrangeli (12), Ukraine, def. 6-3, 6-2.

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# Roddick rides serve to straight-sets win

By PAUL ALEXANDER

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick kept the crowd buzzing with his aces, riding his big serve into the fourth round of the Australian Open.

Lleyton Hewitt and Juan Ignacio Chela also kept fans buzzing Saturday. Hewitt bellowed and gestured during his 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory in the third round and said Chela spit toward him during a changeover.

"I was spitting, but not in Lleyton's direction," Chela said. "It was a very tense moment in the match. There was a lot of pressure."

An earlier jolt came courtesy of Nicolas Pietrangeli. The 26th-seeded Russian upset Tim Henman 6-4, 6-2, 6-2. The seeded-seeded Englishman reached at least the quarterfinals in all three of the last four Slams.

Roddick dropped only seven points in his last 10 service games and finished with 22 aces to beat Australia's Jürgen Melzer 6-2, 6-2, 7-5.

After beating three consecutive left-handers, next up for Roddick was the 102nd-ranked Philipp Kohlschreiber, a German with a 10-18 career record who won only one Grand Slam match before losing this tournament.

Roddick, seeded third, started his first service game with two aces. He soon was cracking serves at up to 139 mph. Melzer, seeded 32nd, had three break points in Roddick's next service game, then never got another chance.

Roddick clearly upset Chela as he served at 12-3 in the fourth set. After Hewitt set up triple break point, he did one of his trademark moves of "Come on!" while pointing his fingers at his forehead.

Chela slammed a first serve that nearly hit Hewitt without

bouncing. Hewitt finished off the break, then appeared to curse at the 25th-seeded Argentine during the changeover.

Chela then spat, an action captured by TV cameras and photographers.

"He spat in my direction," Hewitt said. "I don't think it's the right thing."

"It's unfortunate because we're having a good fightback match out there," he added. "He apologized to me at the net when we shook hands. I said, 'Just forget about it, mate.'"

Chela said he didn't recall trying to hit Hewitt and didn't hear the Australian curse him.

The International Tennis Federation said although no warning or code violation was given during the match by the chair umpire, tournament referees Peter Bellanger and other tournament officials most likely will review tapes Sunday.

French Open finalist Guillermo Coria beat former No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Women's French Open champion Anastasia Myskina joined Russia's two other Grand Slam champs in the fourth round when Lisa Raymond withdrew with a torn abdominal muscle.

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport beat 15-year-old Czech qualifier Nicole Pietrangeli 6-4, 6-3. Davenport moved into a fourth-round match against 13th-seeded Karolina Sprem, who ousted Russia's Elena Likhovtseva 6-4, 6-3.

Sixth-seeded Elena Dementieva became the seventh Russian woman to advance, outlasting Daniela Hantuchova 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

# Texas making pitch for Delgado; A-Rod, Schilling still sticking around

The Associated Press

With the chance to impress Carlos Delgado, Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks made an offer Friday that got the attention of the free-agent first baseman.

"Tom Hicks said that he was going to come to Puerto Rico and give it his best shot," Delgado's agent, David Sloan, said in an e-mail. "He did all that and more, and felt like I got my rhythm back."

Texas, competing with the New York Mets, Florida and Baltimore, made progress during the four-hour session in Puerto Rico.

"I think they recognize it was a very strong offer. I think they recognize we went certainly farther ... it was more aggressive than anything we talked about before," Hicks said. "I think we made a very compelling offer."

Hicks wouldn't go into details about the offer. He expects Delgado will decide on the Rangers' offer by the end of the weekend.

## Baseball roundup

Sloan said he expected to talk to Texas again this weekend "in an attempt to sustain the positive momentum we generated today."

General manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter, who got contract extensions Friday, joined Hicks for the meeting. The group then returned to Texas. Hart and Showalter had also met with Delgado during the winter meetings last month.

Delgado could be an impressive addition to a youthful Texas lineup that includes All-Stars Alfonso Soriano, Michael Young and Hank Blalock, and switch-hitting slugger Mark Teixeira, like Delgado a first baseman.

A former Rangers star, Alex Rodriguez, also made news Friday, taking a shot at Boston's Curt Schilling as the never-ending Yank-

kees-Red Sox rivalry heated up in the deal of winter.

"I just hope he continues to talk about me and my teammates," Rodriguez told Yankees broadcaster Brian Stastny. "It's going to give us great motivation to beat him up in the future."

Schilling called it a "bush-league play" after Rodriguez was called out for interference in the 4th inning of the AL championship series last October. A-Rod, trying to beat out an infield dribbler, slapped the ball away from pitcher Bronson Arroyo near first base.

"To me it was just odd, because I mean we beat him a couple of times during the year and he was crying on the bench," Rodriguez said, referring to Schilling. "And then he lost Game 4 and he wouldn't talk or anything. And obviously, he wins Game 6 and then he's still talking until today. So it's just something we as players

have been accustomed to. But it's something I'm not worried about."

Schilling, reached on a cell phone Friday, said Rodriguez had his facts wrong.

"It's not true. I talked after Game 1," Schilling said. "I don't care what Alex says. When someone says that, you consider the source."

He also denied shedding tears in the dugout.

"I was upset, but I wasn't crying on the bench," Schilling said.

Also, Chicago Cubs General Manager Theo Epstein hopes the team and Sammy Sosa can patch up their differences once spring training begins next month. Sosa left the clubhouse early without permission before last season's final game, disappointing teammates and drawing a fine from the team.

"He did a wrongful thing the last day of the season. He missed

a game without an excuse and he made some comments publicly about Dusty," Hendry said Friday, referring to manager Dusty Baker.

"Really there is no reason once camp starts and Sammy comes out with a good effort and we get off to a good start, there is no reason the story should continue," Hendry said. "Professional athletes are like the rest of us, we all make mistakes and are live in a forgiving society. If handled the right way, with the right amount of contrition, you can put it behind you."

Also, outfielder Casey Blake agreed to a \$5.4 million, two-year contract with Cleveland, leaving 34 players in salary arbitration.

Among free agents, reliever Steve Reed agreed to a \$1.05 million, one-year contract with Baltimore, and knuckleballer Steve Sparks agreed to a minor league contract with San Diego that would pay him \$550,000 if he makes the big league roster.

# Kinnick wrestlers staying competitive

## Red Devils bested by St. Mary's again but finish second in ASJL meet

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — After two straight Department of Defense Dependents Schools tournament titles and four straight dual-meet victories, the road to Japan wrestling supremacy got a bit tougher in the past week for Nile C. Kinnick.

Seniors Adam Krievs (180), Yamato Cibulka (158) and defending Far East tournament weight-class champion Joey Wood (168) each won golds, but Kinnick finished second, 16 points behind St. Mary's International, in Saturday's American School in Japan Invitational. It was the first tournament in Japan combining DODDS and international schools in more than a month and came three days after Kinnick's four dual-meet win streak was snapped by St. Mary's, 32-21.

Still, coach Robby Rhinehart was pleased with his team's performance.

"I was impressed with my guys, to come out still not too far behind St. Mary's," Rhinehart said. "Had a couple of guys step up and perform."

One of them, Cibulka, survived in overtime 5-4 against St. Mary's Sonny Libero. Trailing 4-2, Cibulka scored a two-point tilt with four seconds left regulation, then got a takedown to win the bout and the weight class.

Wood had his hands full as well against St. Mary's international's Pavel Kachalov, who dropped from his regular 180-pound division to face Wood. Kachalov fell 5-1 to Wood in the gold-medal bout.

The ASJL tournament gave Rhinehart and the Red Devils a look at their opposition in two upcoming major tournaments, the Kinnick Invitational "Beast of the



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Kubasaki's Cameron Daugherty, right, gets the upper hand on Japanese wrestler Masatara Sesoko during Saturday's 110-pound final in the Kinnick High School Wrestling Invitational at Camp Foster, Okinawa, but was pinned by Sesoko in 2 minutes, 26 seconds.

Far East" on Feb. 5 at Yokosuka Naval Base and the DODDS-Pacific season-ending tournament Feb. 17-18 at Yokota Air Base.

"Yamato and Sonny could meet in the (Kinnick) finals," Rhinehart said, adding that St. Mary's two-time Far East champion Mark Striegl "looks unstoppable" at 135.

Wood and Zama American's defending Far East heavyweight champion David Burnett also could meet, while Christian Academy in Japan, with defending Far East champions Yoshiya Morita (115) and Jordan Foxwell (122), "doesn't have a lot of kids, but the ones they have are good," Rhinehart said.

A sleeper at 129 could be Louie Lee of Robert D. Edgren, who's unbeaten in the four in-season tournaments.

"He's quietly putting together a phenomenal season. He's a good kid and a great athlete," Rhinehart said of Lee, who rallied to pin

Shaun Schuster of St. Mary's in the final.

All in all, the ASJL tournament "was a good test for us," Rhinehart said, adding, however, that during three straight weeks of tournaments, including lengthy travel to Edgren at Misawa and E.J. King at Sasebo Naval Base, "I think we're all ready for a break."

Kubasaki's Courtney makes adjustment to Pacific freestyle

Rhinehart and Wood are in their second year with the Kinnick program, having made the adjustment a year ago to the international freestyle format used in the Pacific, unlike high school and college folkstyle rules that govern DODDS-Europe and state-side wrestling.

Among those making that adjustment this year is sophomore Steve Courtney of Okinawa's Kubasaki Dragons.

A four-year folkstyle wrestler who wrestled at Colonial Forge

High in Stafford, Va. as a freshman, Courtney transferred to Okinawa, made the Kubasaki starting lineup — and immediately noticed the difference.

"I prefer folkstyle," he said.

"I'm more used to it." Since the advent of DODDS-Pacific tournaments in 1976, Pacific high school wrestling has been governed by freestyle rules.

The officiating pool, composed predominantly of Japanese referees, is more used to freestyle. Many international schools around the Pacific compete against local schools and clubs that wrestle freestyle.

Finishing and scoring moves in folkstyle are mainly initiated on the mat. Wrestlers in control of their opponent are awarded riding time, while the opponent can score points for escaping and reversals. You're not penalized for exposing your shoulders to the mat if you're in control.

Freestyle incorporates throws and other standing moves, and there are more risks involved. A wrestler controlling his opponent can lose points by exposing his shoulders to the mat, and can even pin himself if he's caught on his shoulders while trying scoring moves such as the "gut wrench."

If there's no action in the referee's judgment in a 15-second span, the bout is stopped and wrestlers are brought back to their feet to resume.

Freestyle made me on your feet," Kubasaki coach Terry Chumley said. "Folkstyle is mostly on the mat. I think freestyle is more exciting."

Courtney disagrees. "I'm more of a control wrestler, rather than throwing people. All I did in folkstyle was take him down, put my legs in and turn him. Here, I tried to catch and pinned myself in one

tournament. I've not used my legs since."

**Wrestling Japanese, Marines helps Kubasaki aprors**

Courtney spoke during the Kubasaki Invitational Tournament on Saturday, one of six tournaments co-sponsored by Marine Corps Community Services and Kubasaki during the season.

Going up against Marines and invited Japanese prep and club wrestlers, Courtney has earned two silvers and one bronze medal in four such events.

They help Kubasaki prepare for higher competition, such as the Kinnick Invitational and the DODDS-Pacific tournament, Chumley said.

You can't beat real matches as practice, no matter who it's against," he said.

Courtney compares the tournaments favorably with the tournaments that Colonial Forge would wrestle out of state against competitors in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and elsewhere.

"Marines are good, (but they) don't always have time to practice, so their endurance might be down," he said. "Japanese are good. Not quite as good as I'd imagined them to be, but still good."

High-school students going up against adults raises the question of safety. Kadena High, Kubasaki's Okinawa affiliate, has a Council archival, refuses to participate in such tournaments.

The Okinawa Athletic Officials Association stressed the need to reduce the risks, said Ariel Moreno, who's been an OAOA referee for 15 years.

"You can't have injuries at Far East tournaments, too," he said. "It's a coach's call whether he enters his team or not. But the only way it's dangerous is if the wrestler has no experience."

# Sooners top Red River rivals for ninth straight win

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Kevin Bookout had 18 points and 13 rebounds, Lawrence McKenzie scored 15 and No. 18 Oklahoma beat 15th-ranked Texas 64-60 on Saturday for its ninth straight win.

Oklahoma outmuscled the Longhorns, who were without leading scorer and rebounder P.J. Tucker, ruled academically ineligible earlier this week.

The Sooners, who trailed most of the game, got some breathing room after a wild three-point play by Bookout and a three-pointer by Drew Lavender in the final 2 minutes.

Bookout beat a triple-team to score, was fouled on the play and made the free throw to give Oklahoma a 59-55 lead. After two layups by Sydney Harris, a guard who started in place of Tucker, the 5-foot-7 Lavender hit a three-pointer from the left wing to put Oklahoma up by five.

McKenzie hit two free throws with 7.7 seconds left to seal the win for Oklahoma (15-2, 4-0 Big 12). Taj Gray added 12 points for the Sooners before fouling out with 8:35 to play.

Gibson had 18 points to lead Texas (15-3,

3-2), which had beaten Oklahoma five consecutive times.

In other Top 25 games Saturday:

**No. 5 Oklahoma State, 82, Baylor 53:** At Stillwater, Okla., Joey Graham scored 24 points to help Oklahoma State rebound from its loss to Texas.

Freshman James On Curry added 14 points, 10 in the final 2:16 to help the Cowboys (14-2, 4-1 Big 12 Conference) win the first game on the newly named Eddie Sutton Court.

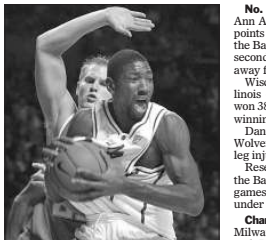
Tim Bush led the Bears (9-6, 1-3) by 19 points and Tommy Swanson added 15.

**No. 8 Kentucky 89, LSU 58:** At Lexington, Ky., Patrick Sparks went 5-for-7 from three-point range and scored 15 points while Keleena Azubuike added 16 points in the Wildcats' fourth straight victory.

Kentucky (14-2, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) made a season-high 11 three-pointers in 20 attempts to win for the 14th time in 15 games against LSU (9-6, 2-2).

**No. 23 Iowa 71, Purdue 57:** At Iowa City, Iowa, Greg Brunner and Doug Thomas each scored 14 points to help Iowa bounce back from a loss to No. 1 Illinois.

After a sluggish start, the Hawkeyes (14-4, 2-3 Big Ten) built an 18-point half-



AP

Texas center Jason Kloitz (21), back, pressures Oklahoma forward Taj Gray.

time lead and were never threatened in the second half.

Cal Landry led the Boilermakers (4-12, 0-6) with 16 points and eight rebounds, and David Teague chipped in 11 points, including three three-pointers.

**No. 24 Wisconsin, 72, Michigan 61:** At Ann Arbor, Mich., Mike Wilkison had 28 points and a career-high 15 rebounds, and the Badgers (13-3, 4-1 Big Ten) opened the second half with an 11-2 run and pulled away for their eighth win in nine games.

Wisconsin's next game is against No. 1 Illinois on Tuesday at home, where it has won 38 straight games — the longest home winning streak in Division I.

Daniel Horton scored 16 points for the Wolverines (12-7, 3-2) before suffering a leg injury with 1:55 left.

Reserve Kameron Taylor scored 13 for the Badgers, who had lost 19 of the past 20 games at Michigan, including all three under coach Bo Ryan.

**Charlotte 76, 25 Marquette 66:** At Milwaukee, Eddie Basden scored 23 points and Brendan Pritchard added 20 to help Charlotte improve to 7-1 on the road and win at Marquette for just the third time in 10 games.

Curtis Withers had 17 points and 14 rebounds for the 49ers (13-3, 4-1 Conference USA), who rebounded from a loss in Cincinnati that snapped the team's nine-game winning streak.

Marquette (14-4, 2-3) has lost three of its past four.

# Jayhawks roared in Philly

## No. 2 Kansas absorbs 21-point loss to Villanova

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Undefeated Kansas never stood a chance once Allen Ray, Curtis Sumpter and the rest of the spirited Villanova Wildcats got rolling.

Sumpter sank five three-pointers and scored 25 points, Ray made four threes and scored 27 and Villanova posted a stunning 83-62 victory over No. 2 Kansas on Saturday.

"We had some tough breaks this season, but guys stuck with it every day," Sumpter said.

Only Illinois, Duke and Boston College remain among the undefeated teams in the Top 25. It was the Jayhawks' worst loss under second-year coach Bill Self and most lopsided defeat since they lost to Wake Forest by 31 on Dec. 7, 2000.

"It had been coming," Self said. "We've been putting a lot of band aids on our deficiencies."

The Jayhawks (14-1) have hardly played like one of the best teams in the country with four of their past five games decided by six or fewer points.

Kansas played fast and loose

with the ball with bad decisions and costly turnovers. Self benched his starters for one long stretch in the second half as the game turned into a blowout and the Wildcats pounced on every mistake with one big shot after another.

"Villanova exposed us," Self said.

It was the most important regular-season victory in coach Jay Wright's four seasons. "I know the program's going in the right direction. I know we've got good guys, we've got good guys coming in, it's more for these kids," Wright said.

Villanova (10-4) had lost its past two games on free throws in the final seconds, but this one was never close. After holding a seven-point lead at halftime, the Wildcats went on a 15-2 run to open the second half, gave up three points, then reeled off 16 straight points.

Sumpter and Ray were nearly unstoppable in the second half, helping the Wildcats to their biggest upset since beating No. 1 Connecticut in 1994.

Sumpter keyed the first big run of the second half with seven

points, then Ray took over. Ray scored 11 straight on a jumper, three three-pointers and three free throws after he was fouled on a three-point attempt.

"I was kind of feeling it. Coach was going to me," Ray said. "My teammates had confidence in me and they were getting me the ball in the right places."

The Wildcats went 12-for-19 from three-point range and Sumpter and Ray combined to go 15-for-26 from the floor. The Wildcats shot 51 percent from the floor and were 15 of 16 from the free-throw line.

"We didn't show much poise at all even in the second half, then it got out of kilter," Self said.

Kansas had six turnovers during Villanova's 15-2 run and 22 overall. Wayne Simien scored 15 points and J.R. Giddens and Sasha Kaun each had 11.

During one stretch, the Jayhawks had Jeff Hawkins, Kaun, Darnell Jackson, Nick Bahe and Michael Lee on the floor. Except for Lee, most of those players rarely play.

"(Coach) didn't clear as far as if guys didn't cut it out on the court, they're coming out right away," Simien said.



Villanova's Allen Ray, shooting over Kansas' Keith Langford, led all scorers with 27 points Saturday. He made nine of 16 field-goal attempts.

# Williams, Wake come up big at Cincinnati

BY JOE KAY  
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Eric Williams knew it would come down to him.

Wake Forest's versatile center was inches taller than anyone on Cincinnati's front line. With that advantage in mind, the Demon Deacons planned to spread out, get him the ball and let him score.

It only took a couple of shots for Williams to stop fretting.

The 6-foot-9 center scored a career-high 29 points, having his way with Cincinnati's front line, and No. 3 Wake Forest never trailed in a 74-70 victory Saturday over the 20th-ranked Bearcats.

"I felt nervous," Williams said. "I knew the kind of players we were playing against today. They play so hard. I was putting a lot of pressure on myself. I was telling myself I can't let the team down coming off a loss."

The Demon Deacons (16-2) rebounded from their overtime loss to Florida State by hitting their free throws down the stretch — something they did not against the Seminoles.

Taron Downey missed a free throw with 4 seconds left against Florida State, ending Wake Forest's NCAA record of 50 consecutive free throws made and standing it to overtime. He swished two free throws with 2 seconds left on Saturday to clinch the win, and Wake Forest made its last seven overall.



Wake Forest's Eric Williams (31) exploited Cincinnati's smaller front line and scored a career-high 29 points on 13-of-18 shooting.

"We needed a game like this," coach Skip Prosser said.

The Bearcats (15-3) had their biggest weak-

nesses exposed as they lost at home to a ranked team for the second time in eight days.

They also fell by three points against Louisville last Saturday.

Neither 6-foot-7 Jason Maxiell nor 6-foot-6 Eric Hight, the forwards who anchor Cincinnati's front line — could keep up with a taller player who shot over them once he got the ball.

"It was a gamble," Hicks said. "By the time I got around him, he had it and would kick."

Chris Paul added 21 points for Wake Forest, which improved to 5-1 against ranked teams this season. Paul made five of seven from behind the arc.

Hicks had 18 points, two in the second half, to lead three Bearcats in double figures.

An intriguing matchup of one of the nation's top offenses against one of the toughest defenses turned on the Bearcats' inability to stop Williams. Wake Forest came in averaging 85.5 points per game and had scored 80 points in nine straight, its longest such streak since 10 in a row in 1976-77.

Cincinnati went after the Demon Deacons with a physical man-to-man defense that holds opponents to 35.8 percent shooting, fourth-best in the nation. It swarmed Williams but couldn't keep him from getting the ball or playing 13 of 18 from the field.

"Eric was given the opportunity, and he played extremely well," Prosser said. "It's difficult to guard him with one guy when he gets the ball with both feet in [the lane]."

# Syracuse beats W.Va. to extend winning streak to 12

BY JOHN KEKIS  
The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim Warrick had 22 points and 13 rebounds. Gerry McNamara scored 18 points and Billy Edner added a season-high 12 to lead No. 7 Syracuse past West Virginia 72-64 on Saturday.

It was the 12th straight win for

Syracuse (19-1, 6-0 Big East), which equaled its best record after 20 games. The Orange, who lost this season to Oklahoma State in New York City on Dec. 4, were 19-1 in the 1998-99 and 1979-80 seasons.

Patrick Beilein led the Mountaineers with 17 points, and Mike Gansey, Tyrone Sally and D'or

Fischer each had 11.

Edelin, head scoreless in 21 minutes the previous two games, had a season-high seven assists, and the Orange were 16-for-18 from the free-throw line.

West Virginia (11-5, 1-4) won its first 10 games this year, including road wins at LSU and then-No. 15 North Carolina State

and a home triumph over George Washington. But the Mountaineers have run into a roadblock in the Big East, losing by 38 at Villanova and dropping consecutive home games to Boston College and Notre Dame.

McNamara's fourth three-pointer of the second half gave the Orange a 63-50 lead with 6:53 left.

# Air Force prevails at BYU

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Nick Welch scored 16 points to lead Air Force past Brigham Young

\$2-49 on Saturday. The Falcons (12-6, 3-0 Mountain West) made nine of 16 field-goal attempts.

West) have won six of seven, while the Cougars (6-13, 0-4) have lost five of six.

The Falcons took a 48-47 lead they would not relinquish with 3:30 left when Welch made a three-pointer. The Cougars answered with a basket by Jimmy Balderson before Antoine Hood scored a layup after a steal by Matt McCraw.

McCraw made two free throws with 11.6 seconds left. In games Friday.

**Holy Cross 79, Navy 56:** At Worcester, Mass., Pat Doherty scored a game-high 16 points, leading five Holy Cross players in double figures.

Corey Johnson led Navy (4-13, 0-4) with 13 points and George O'Garra added 10.

Holy Cross (12-5, 3-1 Patriot) went on a 19-0 run to take a 26-11 lead with 9:22 left in the first half.

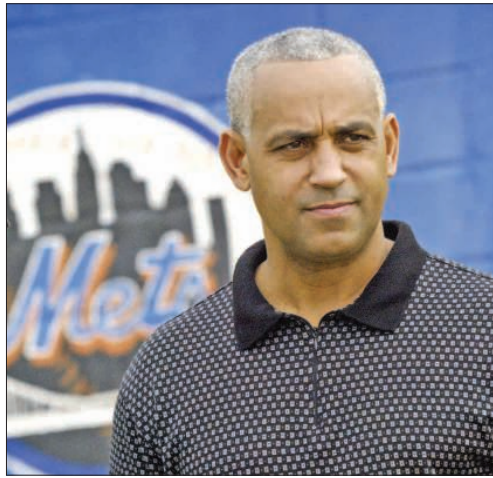
**American U. 72, Army 37:** At West Point, N.Y., Steve Stoll led Army (2-14, 0-4 Patriot League) with 11 points, but the Black Knights scored just 12 points in the first half and shot 23.5 percent for the game. American is 10-6, 3-1.

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## The making of 'Los Mets'



AP photos

The Mets' Omar Minaya, the first Hispanic general manager in Major League Baseball, has signed the two biggest names on the free-agent market this winter — pitcher Pedro Martinez (top right) and center fielder Carlos Beltran (bottom right). He is pursuing slugger Carlos Delgado. Minaya's charm, personal touch and understanding of Latino culture has been an attraction for Hispanic players.



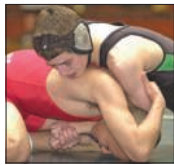
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## Minaya's touch a big hit with Latino free agents

BY RICARDO ZUNIGA  
The Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Omar Minaya takes the podium, speaks a few words in English, then stops.

"Since we are in Puerto Rico," he said, "I think we should do this in Spanish."

With charm and a personal touch, the new Mets general manager convinced Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran to sign with New York's No. 2 team, rapidly re-making their image as "Los Mets."

Born in the Dominican Republic and the first Hispanic GM in the major leagues, Minaya figured money alone wouldn't get the deals done with arguably the highest-profile pitcher and position player in the free-agent market.

He knew language, family values and respect would be important factors, too, with his fellow Hispanics.

So Minaya decided to visit Martinez in the Dominican Republic on Thanksgiving and see Beltran in Puerto Rico earlier this month.

"The intuition of me under-

standing the culture led me to our strategy (which) was one of, 'Let's go one step further, let's go there,'" Minaya said last week in San Juan.

Minaya met with Carlos Delgado twice last week in Puerto Rico, hoping to lure him to what Beltran christened the "new Mets."

Quick work so far by Minaya, who was the Montreal Expos' GM until being hired by the Mets in the final week of last season. He now is in charge of reviving a team that went 71-91 for its third straight losing year.

In Minaya, 46, the Mets got someone with his own distinctive style.

During his scouting days with the Texas Rangers, he helped sign Sammy Sosa and Juan Gonzalez. To make ends meet on his climb up in baseball, he worked all over New York, including a stint selling perfume at the Bloomingdale's counter.

"I used to do all kinds of side jobs, between working in the meat district to doing modeling," Minaya said. "I really liked being

## A foreign flavor

The New York Mets are trying to become a destination for more Latin American stars.

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in the meatpacking district. We worked hard. We packed the meat, then went all over delivering it."

There's no doubt he's doing well now. Last week, he had dinner at the White House with his old boss with the Rangers — President Bush.

"The fact that I'm in New York, the fact that I was raised right next to Shea Stadium, the fact that I come from immigrant parents, sometimes you step back and say, 'How did you get here?'" he said.

Minaya was born in Valverde, a small town in the Dominican Republic. His parents moved to New York when he was 8 and settled in Queens, a 10-minute drive from Shea Stadium. His father worked on the Brooklyn docks and his mother in a factory.

Minaya says he is embarrassed by the attention and repeatedly cites his staff: Tony Bernazard, Jim Duquette and John Ricco.

"These guys are really the guys who do most of the work and should get most of the credit," he

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